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Evacuation test

The Haliburton hospital was abuzz with activity as emergency personnel were busy during the mock evacuation. High school students such as this one being loaded into an ambulance by paramedics Ian Douglas and Brad Robinson were playing the parts of the acute care and the long-term care patients. The building was evacuated in just over an hour. For full story and photos please see page 10.

County lowers tax rate by 13%

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

At the beginning of Wednesday's county budget meeting, county councillors were presented with a spending list that granted everyone's wishes – everyone, that is, except taxpayers who want to see local politicians lessen the impact of increased property assessments.

So the first order of the day was to pledge to cut the budget enough to result in a 12 per cent drop in the tax rate.

Three hours later, after much nipping and tucking, the final decrease came in at 11.31 per cent.

That means that if the budget is passed at the April 28 county council meeting, property owners will have to pay $210 for every $100,000 in assessment instead of the $236 they paid last year.

"I don't think we can do any better without hurting ourselves," said Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon, summing up the feeling of council.

The 12 per cent figure had been suggested by Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"We've had two years in a row where waterfront properties have seen increases of 15 per cent in their assessment," he said. "We can't continue to do this. I'd like a 12 per cent decrease in the tax rate. Taxpayers are expecting it and

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Are small towns what tourists want?

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

International bad news is good news for rural Ontario tourism, Garth Turner told a large crowd last week at the Beyond the City Lights Rural Tourism Conference.

The former Tory Minister of National Revenue was hired by the Liberal provincial government to sew seeds of hopes amongst rural tourism operators during a series of conferences, of which the recent event at the Wigamog was number seven. Not that Turner made any effort to hide his long-standing political stripes in a speech that tossed humour and facts together better than a house salad.

Turner is a former business editor with the *Toronto Sun* and currently heads Millennium Media TV. He's also known for his financial guide books. However, it is his more recent venture, forming the Credit River Company based in the Caledon area near Orangeville, that he mostly spoke of. The company has purchased three heritage buildings, the 1888 Belfountain Village Store, 1855 Cataract Inn and the Airport Road Rotisserie. The reasoning behind his investment, Turner says, is that in a volatile and complex time consumers want nostalgic reminders of simpler safer days.

Credit River Company's logo, Heritage, Landmarks, Environment, also identifies the key areas of interest for the boomers who, as they age, are more interested in history but remain dedicated to minimal environmental impact. Turner says boomers want a genuine experience in a small town without having to go through traffic jams to get it. The 9/11 terrorist attack has scared people into changing their travel plans from long distance trips to short trips at home. He cited the proliferation of spas and record sales of motorcycles as evidence.

Turner says no other country has as large a segment of the population that is all one age than Canada. He suggested the boomers, who are now 50, are striving not to feel any older which means they are into physical fitness, the outdoors and the Atkins diet and are "insufferably self-obsessed."

Turner believes scandals such as ENRON and the sponsorship fiasco plaguing Martin's government have shaken the boomers' faith in institutions and driven them in search of happier days in historical narratives. It has also given them reason to distrust big companies.

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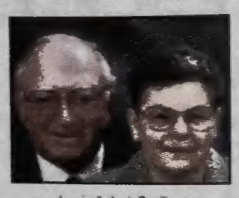
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news and events worth noting

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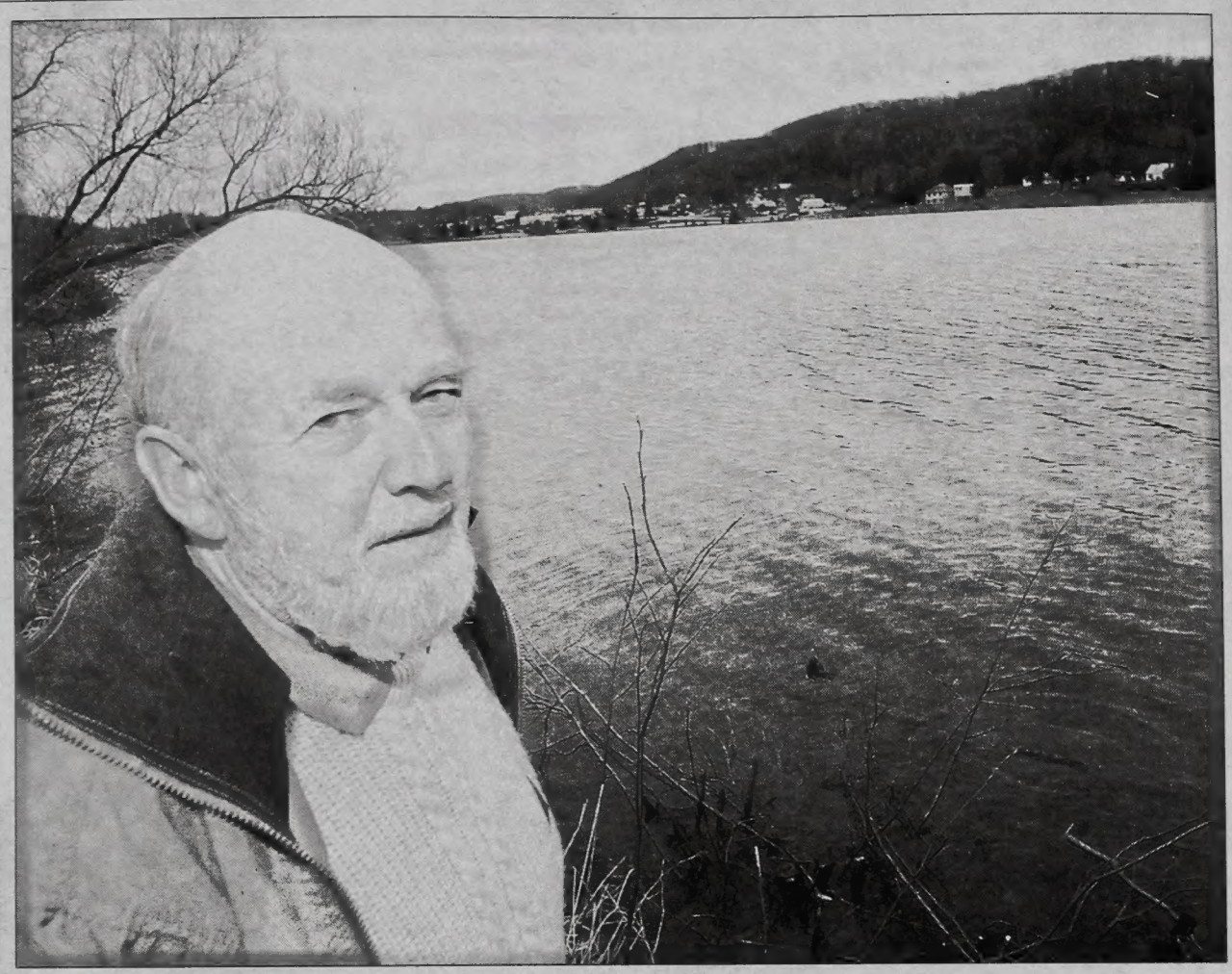
Oops! It turns out that Al Gostock's Newfoundland roots make him a good judge of the water. He too correctly guessed that the ice would go off Head Lake on April 19 but his time was 11 a.m.. (It went out at 7 a.m. and winner Bill Hare guessed 9:40 a.m.) We're sorry we missed him in last week's story about Haliburton's official start of spring.

Next week is New paintings by Gooderham artist Gary Blundell will be on exhibit at the Zsa Zsa art gallery, 962 Queen Street West in Toronto from May 1 to 15. The exhibit, Grid, refers to what Blundell sees as "our accelerated activity of carving up landscapes into small squares such as concessions, lots, farm fields, hydro lines and cities." The opening reception is May 1 from 2 to 8 p.m.

On Saturday, May 1 at 8 p.m. the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra will conclude its 2003/2004 season with a concert aptly titled Mystical Moods. Guest soloist will be Mezzo-Soprano Eleanor James who has recently returned to her native Peterborough area after many years as a soloist in Europe. James will be featured in Gustav Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer. Audiences will also hear Dvorak's The Noon Witch and Mussorgski's Night on Bald Mountain. As with other years, this final concert of the season will be a hub of activity on and off the stage. Michael Newnham will hold his "Meet the Maestro" pre-concert talk from 7:15 to 7:35. For tickets call 742-7469.



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Finally, a winner

The first year Bill Hare moved to Haliburton, he came second in the *Echo's* When Will the Ice Melt on Head Lake? contest. He came second a few years later but, proving the old bridesmaid saying wrong, this year he came in first. He correctly guessed that the ice went out on April 19 and he was only an hour and fifteen minutes off the official ice-off time of 7:15 a.m.. He's won a year's subscription to the *Echo*. Congratulations.

TVO wants to find most arty town

Ontario is filled with talented people – painters, writers, musicians, artisans and performers abound. So this year, TVO's Studio 2 wants to find the Most Talented Town in Ontario. It's looking for communities that attract and support the arts year-round – towns where artists live and interact, support each other, and feel inspired.

If that sounds like your town, here's what you do: in 250 words and four to five pictures, or a video, tell TVO what makes your town the Most Talented Town in Ontario.

A panel of expert judges will evaluate your entry and come up with a winner. The deadline for entries is May 4. Winners will be announced on Studio 2 in the week of June 7, so stay tuned. The grand prize is a feature documentary about your town to air on Studio 2.

Send your entries to: Most Talented Town, P.O. Box 200, Station Q, Toronto M4T 2T1.

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This is Studio 2's fifth annual contest. Previous contests have covered Ontario's Prettiest Town, Most Historic Town, Best Main Street, and Greenest Town. These Ontario-focused contests are designed to celebrate Ontario and help residents learn about the province's rich history, geography and culture.

Entertaining seniors can audition for Jubilee

Auditions for entertainers in their 50s, 60s, 70s and beyond are taking place now for North America's largest seniors' entertainment showcase, the 2004 RBC Seniors' Jubilee at Roy Thomson Hall.

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Wilberforce water

Province not keen on switch to private wells

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Joan Barton, centre, a spokesperson for Wilberforce Water WATCH, says residents are afraid that Highlands East wants to build 'a Cadillac system for a few users.' This photo of her talking to Highlands East council was taken earlier in the month.

The provincial government prefers communal water systems, says a Ministry of the Environment spokesman who also cautions that several proposals to dismantle municipal public water systems have yet to get provincial approval.

A Wilberforce Water WATCH committee meeting held last Tuesday at the municipal office was attended by four committee members, MOE spokesperson Doug Johnston, Medical Officer of Health Dr. Alex Hukowich, Greer Galloway Group consultant Brad Kalus, and council. The group discussed the criteria the municipality would have to meet in order to take nine non-municipal users off the existing municipal water supply from the artesian well in Wilberforce and whether it is a good idea.

At public meetings, through informal ballot and a petition, members of the community have voiced approval of fragmenting the existing water system in Wilberforce. The nine current private users would have to drill individual wells and the five municipal buildings would have their own small municipal system.

A medical officer of health must sign off on an application to the MOE to fragment a municipal system. Dr. Hukowich says that in his limited experience with fragmentation, it was usually a case where a municipal system should never have been set up and users already had their own wells. He finds it odd that people are in favour of the municipality being forced to pay a higher cost for a water system for their buildings compared to that of the nine residences and businesses.

"You seem to be saying whatever the problems the municipality has, we don't give a damn," he said.

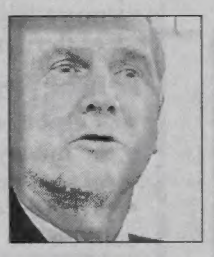
"People see the Wilberforce system as a mistake, an accident (not a planned system). People see this (current MOE order to upgrade the system) as an opportunity to correct the mistake rather than carry it with us forever," says Joan Barton, a WATCH representative.

Clerk Sharon Stoughton-Craig reminded everyone that the former Monmouth Township bought the artesian well because people could not find a water supply that provided the quantity they needed or that didn't corrode their pipes. Until the uranium issue, when the provincial government lowered the levels that were acceptable, they have had no problems with the water supply.

Barton says the bottom line is that most people in the community were not aware a municipal water system, albeit a small one, even existed. Now that they know, they are not interested in institutionalizing the system by building a water treatment plant that services residences and businesses.

Johnston said that the MOE wants to lower the risk of a septic bed leaching into a well, which is why it prefers communal water systems. Barton told him they had each of the five residential properties in Wilberforce connected to the artesian well checked and all of the properties were large enough to accommodate a well and a septic system.

Glen Covert, Highlands East environment manager, says they also need to ensure that the well is far enough away not only from the septic bed but also the street to avoid salt contamination. Covert says someone drilling a well does not have to meet the same requirements as the municipality. Barker says he should go to the five residences and do the measurements and tell people conclusively whether they meet the setbacks.



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> **Dr. ALEX HUKOWICH**

Barker said the fear in the community is that the tiny Wilberforce water system will be monitored, treated, and maintained only as well as Highlands East's budget allows. She says the community wants the control to provide and protect their own water supply instead of relying on a small municipal system that could fail, as happened fatally in Walkerton.

Johnston replied that the ministry has been pro-active in requiring more municipal water system inspections. He also argued there is a far higher likelihood of nitrate loading in the water supply system when you put five wells and five septic systems on the same five acres.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said she had to upgrade her septic system but when she did the public health department ruled her well as unacceptable and forced her to cap it; now she is drawing her water supply from the lake. She says the municipality is concerned that could happen to a residence in Wilberforce but they wouldn't have a lake to draw from.

"That is our concern. A safe supply of drinking water," Partridge said.

Ron Reid, WATCH committee representative, asked Dr. Hukowich if the health department would allow a home owner to use water from a well for non-drinking use and have an alternative drinking water supply in the home. Dr. Hukowich says mixing potable and non-potable water in a residence is not a good idea.

The conversation at the table turned to the level of uranium in the existing artesian well. The MOE has deemed it to be unacceptable. Kalus has proposed that Highlands East construct a reservoir that would blend water from the artesian well with another supply of water that meets MOE standards. Barton asked why they would consider mixing "clean" water with water high in uranium. Dr. Hukowich said that all water has some level of uranium in it so one source is not "cleaner" than the other.

"Uranium has radiological and chemical effects. The kidneys are the most sensitive to the chemical effects," Dr. Hukowich said.

However, he says there is no way of knowing absolutely how much uranium is too much. Dr. Hukowich also talked about how "safe" can be a relative term. People have fallen out of planes and survived but obviously that does not make jumping out of a plane safe.

Barton says part of the conflict between the municipality and the community is that "There is a greater sense (in the community) of a Cadillac system (being proposed) for a few users."

"We felt a moral obligation to people who have been on the (public) system for 20 years [to provide clean water]," said Deputy-reeve Bill Howe. "You can drink out of a puddle if you want to but that doesn't mean you give the water to someone else."

Dr. Hukowich said there are no drinking water regulations aside from setbacks for an individual residence on a well but he has argued for them. He suggested it would not be ethical for him as a medical officer of health to approve of people switching from a regularly tested supply of water to an untested supply. He added only a third of home owners test their wells for bacteria.

Kalus told the WATCH committee members that other small villages such as Norland and Kinmount are spending $3 million each for small water and sewage systems so Highlands East is not the only municipality to have to do upgrades. Barton says it is her understanding that people in those two communities are not in favour of the upgrades either.

Dr. Hukowich said he went to Norland a decade ago and told people they did not have a safe supply of water. He was met with opposition by ratepayers who did not want to pay to fix the problem.

"I went up there and warned them they could have an outbreak at any time. People are prepared to say 'It's my problem' beforehand and then, after a problem, it's 'You know more than I do; why did you let me do that?' That's my experience from 23 years in public health."

Reid asked the municipality if it would consider drilling a well at one or two of the residences in order to find out if the water is acceptable because the committee has no desire to provide substandard water to anyone. Covert said they did drill a test well near the existing users. At 60 feet down they were into clay and sand and could not get the required two gallons of water a minute. He says there was also a problem with the turbidity .

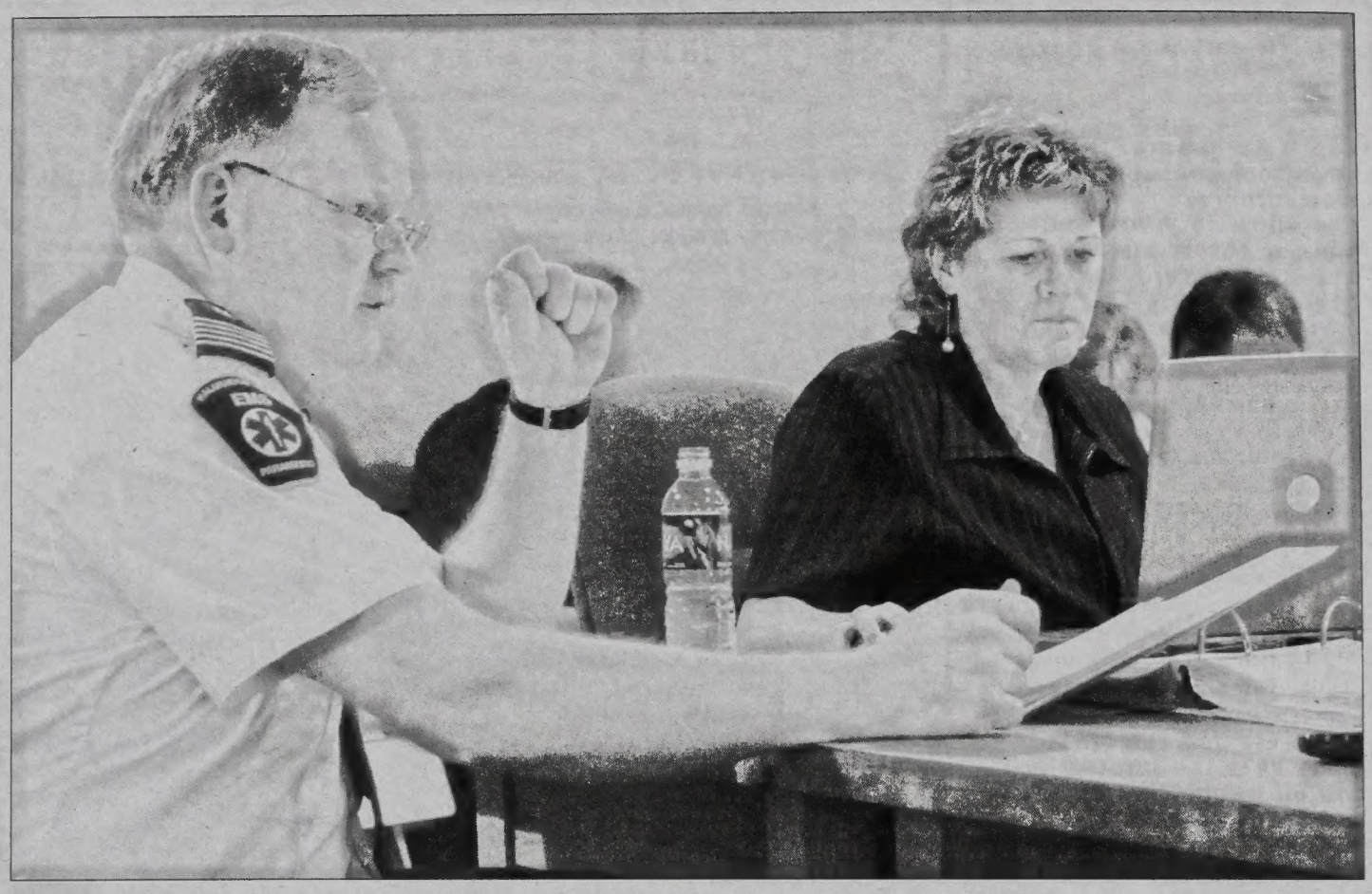
Reid said the committee had not been made aware of the test well.

The next debate was over financing. Reid suggested the community does not want tax money spent on the water treatment and distribution system for all of the users just because federal and provincial subsidies would be available because it is still tax money. Covert says if Highlands East does not use the money available it just goes to the next project.

Howe said that if the community is worried about government dollars being wasted then they should consider the $60,000 annual cost of the water system at the Maple View apartments, also paid from government dollars. He says the apartments could be hooked up to an expanded municipal water system and then they would not have both the municipality and the apartments doing the same rounds of testing and monitoring.

Council offered to do a mailing to all ratepayers that would summarize the information from the meeting. All parties agreed it was a useful and productive meeting.

A dept. by dept. look at county budget



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While acting CAO Laura Janke works with some numbers, EMS director Bob English outlines his department's needs for 2004.

There are some budget pressures that are the shared by all departments.

- payments to the municipal employee retirement fund are up $109,650
- insurance costs are up $61,000
- wages are up two per cent overall

A benefit shared by all departments is the federal government's recent decision to allow municipal governments not to pay GST. It will save the county $100,000.

There was a $2-million surplus last year, largely due to increased grants from the province and lower social services and housing costs. Much of the money went into reserves which several years ago had been depleted. This budget will fill the reserves to 22 per cent of the value of the county's tax base; the lowest recommended amount is 25 per cent.

Roads

- $4,764,669 or 46 per cent of budget
- $200,000 has been added to the equipment reserve
- $2,137,500 will be spent on maintenance, an increase of $119,000
- $1.953,500 will be spent on road construction, an increase of $653,500
- $25,000 will be spent on bridges
- In a separate budget, $75,000 will be spent on the Rail Trail. This will be for maintenance and repairs, not improvements.

Social services and housing

- $3,000,000 or 26 per cent of budget

The county is in a mandated partnership with the City of Kawartha Lakes to administer this department, with budget figures set by Kawartha Lakes. Figures for 2003 and 2004 have yet to be released despite numerous requests.

Health

- $1,728,485 or 16 per cent of budget

The bulk of this department is the operation of the county's Emergency Medical Services (ambulance). The health unit levy is $388,000. The rest, $57,600, is for interest payments on the outstanding capital expansion loan for Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

- The province is supposed to contribute 50 per cent of the costs, although in reality it's a bit lower. Of the total EMS cost, the county is contributing $1,291,000 and the province is paying slightly more than $1,000,000.
- total cost for wages is $1,461,320

911

- $922,400 or nine per cent of budget
- of this money, $554,000 will come from a surplus from last year
- $328,000 will be spent finishing all work other than signage
- $586,000 will be spent finishing all signage installation
- the service should begin in early fall

Debenture for 911 and Cty Rd 21

- $640,000 or six per cent of budget

When the county first decided to debenture $2,778,000 to pay for 911 and upgrading County Road 21 between Haliburton and Minden, it took the annual payments out of a reserve. That reserve has now been depleted. The debenture will cost roughly $640,000 for each of the next three years.

Connect Haliburton

- $439,000 or four per cent of budget
- the money won't be spent unless the project receives federal funding
- this figure includes $137,000 which would be the HHHS share if the project is funded
- an additional $21,000 will be spent on the existing CAP sites given the expectation that federal funding for the public internet access program will be discontinued.

Library

- $275,000 or two per cent of budget
- the total budget is $409,000 with $132,000 coming from the province
- the budget for buying new books will increase a total of $18,000

Planning

- $53,700
- this is the first year the planning department will have the responsibility of administering the county's official plan
- revenues from severance applications are expected to decrease because there are fewer severances
- severance application fees will be increased to offset higher costs

Council

- thanks to generous pay increases this year the budget for councillors' wages went from $67,000 a year to $86,600 this year. The total cost of council is $119,700.

Forestry

- $64,375

Administration

- Although the cost of running the county office is $3,129,000 there is no cost to the county because it receives a $3,600,000 grant from the province which it applies to this portion of the budget.

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Community requests take biggest budget hit

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it's fair to do it. We can't keep hitting the same people year after year."

Acting CAO Laura Janke, who's also the administrative budget chief, says that assessments are up almost 16 per cent overall, with most of that increase falling on waterfront properties. If the county kept the tax rate the same, it could spend an additional $1-million.

But Janke agreed with councillors that taxpayers cannot bear the financial impact of increased assessments, especially those on fixed incomes.

She noted that, with the proposed budget figures which will be passed at the April 28 county council meeting, a waterfront property owner will still see county taxes increase between four and four and a half per cent, even with the reduced tax rate. However, people who don't live or cottage on a lake may see taxes go down.

Most of the cuts came during the discussion about funding requests.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which had asked for $200,000 a year for the next three years to help pay down the remaining capital expansion debt, will receive nothing.

Councillors noted that the county was being hit with a $624,000 cost to pay down the debenture for 911 and the County Road 21 upgrading program. Until now, the money had come from a reserve, but that reserve is depleted. As well as having to pay $624,000 this year, the county will have to pay roughly the same amount for the next two years.

Until that is off the books in 2006, councillors said they are not willing to incur another large cost. They noted that the HHHS believes fundraising efforts will pay off the debt by 2007 so the county can consider paying off the remaining amount then.

As well, councillors said that if taxpayers knew they were contributing $600,000 through their county taxes they might not be willing to contribute individually.

"Let's give [Trails and Tours] notice that it's the last run"

Reeve ROSS RIGNEY

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will receive $135,000 instead of the requested $165,000.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner, who is council's representative on the Chamber, was the only councillor to support paying the full amount.

He noted that the county's contribution used to be $150,000 and with all the growth in the county, now is the perfect time to spend more money on marketing.

"To me the question isn't 'Can we afford to do it?' but 'Can we afford not to?'," Gardner said.

Fearrey countered that the county was spending money on marketing through other venues such as the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network and that if it didn't contribute to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's plan to divert all trails onto public land there would be no winter economy to market.

Fearrey later conceded defeat in his desire to give Haliburton Tourism $15,000. This is a new group comprised of several resorts which want to specifically market the county's accommodations as part of its goal to put "more heads in beds."

"Their website is the best one coming out of the county," he said, adding that a little bit of competition would be good for the Chamber.

Giving money to Haliburton Tourism would "fragment tourism marketing," countered Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney said the county should put the marketing contract up for tender to see if anyone can come in with a figure lower than the Chamber's. (If the tender was accepted it wouldn't come into effect until next year.)

In the end the county agreed to give the Chamber $135,000 to market the county on its behalf and did not give any money to Haliburton Tourism.

The HCSA will get $40,000 this year and $30,000 next year instead of the $70,000 it requested. The money will be used to divert the major east/west trail through the county onto municipal road allowances now that two property owners have denied access and to help pay for new bridges.

There was a lot of bargaining done for Trails and Tours. It requested $55,000. Rigney said it should only get $30,000, which was the county's commitment last year as part of an OSTAR funding agreement.

"Let's give them notice that it's the last run," he said. "[The original contribution] was seed money, it was not supposed to be ongoing funding. It should be able to raise its own administrative costs."

Trails and Tours' executive director, Lindsay Elder, noted that Trails and Tours is "developing product" – new and improved trails – that benefit the county and that a lot of its projects market the county.

As well, Trails and Tours is only one of a group of partners who are part of the OSTAR grant. Other groups are having financial difficulties because they have to pay for 100 per cent of their project before they get 50 per cent back from the province.

Harrison said, "I'd like to give the full $55,000 but I know I won't get support so I'm suggesting $35,000."

A few minutes later she turned to Rigney to ask, "Can you go to $35,000?"

"I can even do $40,000," he said and Harrison was quick to ask for a vote, which was passed, at that amount.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association got the $10,000 it requested. "They supply a lot of fish to a lot of lakes," Warden Bill Davis said.

Sir Sandford Fleming College will receive $5,000.

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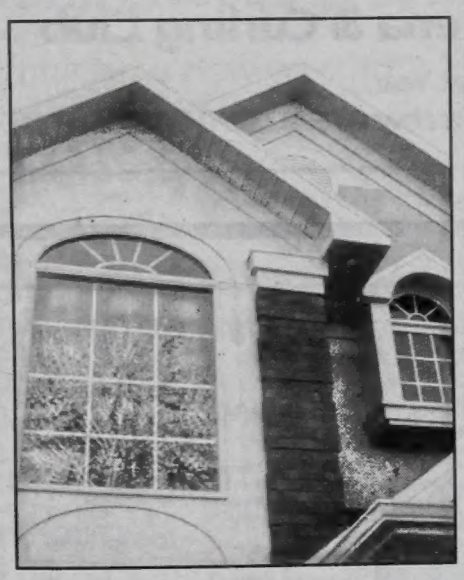

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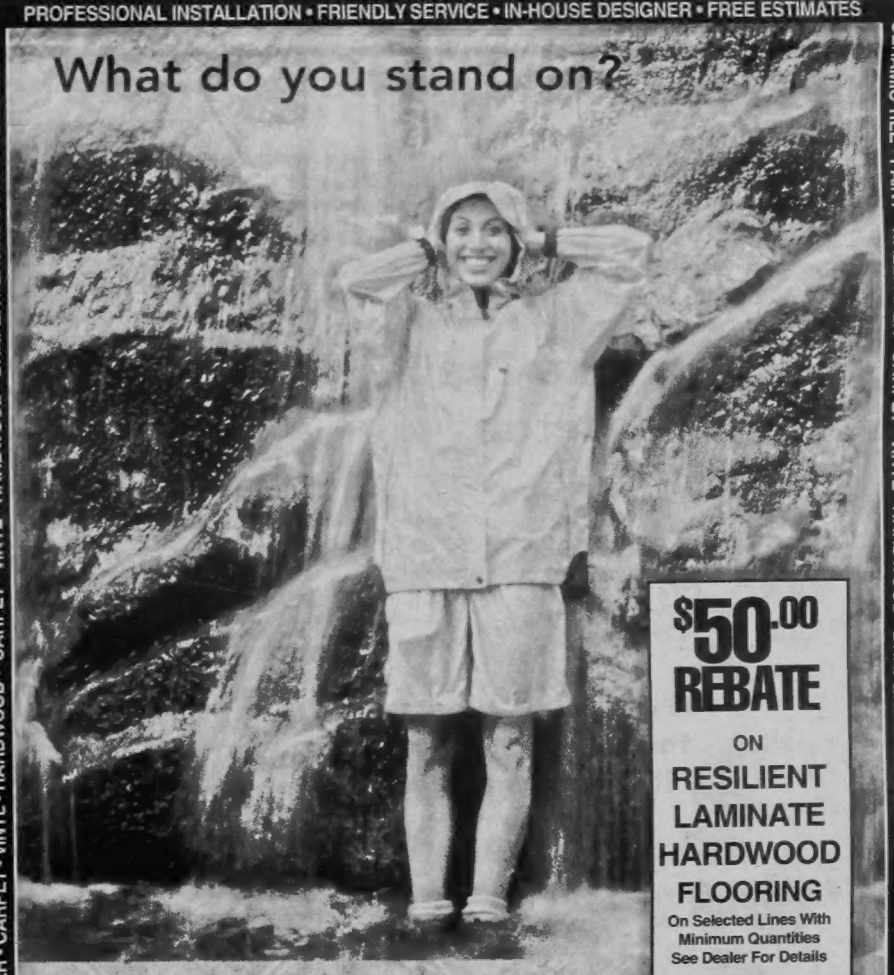

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Canada about to enjoy economic boom, Turner predicts

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Turner says at no other time have small business owners and entrepreneurs been more respected and they should promote themselves as being small and privately operated.

Financially, Turner says Ontario is heading into good times. He said car payments and mortgages have never been as low and "we're at the end of 100 years of inflation...inflation is gone and it's not coming back.

"We're going to see deflation which is going to make our dollar worth more. Canadians are going to have a boom period. It happened in the 1880s because of the railroad - our new railroad is the Internet," says Turner.

Turner predicted interest rates will stay where they are creating a pool of cheap money to invest in ventures and creating an atmosphere where people will feel like spending. He admitted there is a fear of consumers becoming too deeply mired in debt but he thinks it will be manageable and governments are not running up deficits.

"It is an absolutely perfect time to be in business," he announced.

Jim Blake asked Turner what his municipality did to help foster the success of the Credit River Company. Turner replied they did nothing and he had a difficult time because he purchased heritage buildings. He admitted to having battled with local politicians but says he could have worked harder at communicating with the public about his vision for the properties.

Turner was asked about his marketing strategies. He said he does a newsletter for each of his businesses with in-depth, academically-researched historical articles about the sites and areas around to generate more interest. He also sends event postcards to the 5,000 families on his database.

He says e-mail may be tempting, but you have to be courteous and not send large attachments that clog up people's mailboxes, and should ask before using someone's e-mail address. A seminar later in the day advised people to use the Internet for quick, low-cost marketing and research but advised providing people with a way to opt-out of an e-mail distribution list.

The catch phrase of the day was "Under-promise and over-deliver: Never the other way around."

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

"It's an absolutely perfect time to be in business," consutlant Garth Turner says.

Dental care access should be a right, health unit says

Few people enjoy going to the dentist.

But for approximately 5,000 people in Haliburton County – about one in three local residents – it's not fear that keeps them out of the dentist's chair, but the high cost of regular dental care.

Cost is a major reason an estimated one-third of Ontario residents do not see a dentist. Dental care is not covered by government-run health insurance and only half of all Canadians enjoy some form of dental benefits through work.

"Access to dental care should be a right for all people, not a privilege for just a few with good benefits and the means to afford care," says Carol Moore-Collins, manager of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit dental health program

April is Dental Health Month and Moore-Collins says it is the perfect opportunity to kick off a public education campaign about why it's essential that barriers to seeing the dentist are removed.

Those without access to dental care are going without a basic service that can help them stay healthy.

Dentists are often the front-line in the detection of oral cancers, Moore-Collins notes. Serious health problems such as diabetes, respiratory ailments, and premature and low-birth weight babies have been linked to poor dental health. Research has also tied in gum disease to heart disease and stroke.

People with poor dental health often lack self-esteem and the confidence to venture out to job interviews. They may also be forced to take unpaid sick time from work due to the pain in their mouths, causing both financial hardship for themselves and lost productivity for their employers, she adds.

Moore-Collins and other Health Unit staff will be attending an Access to Dental Care forum in Toronto in mid-May. Participants will work towards sound solutions that ensure everyone gets the dental care they need.

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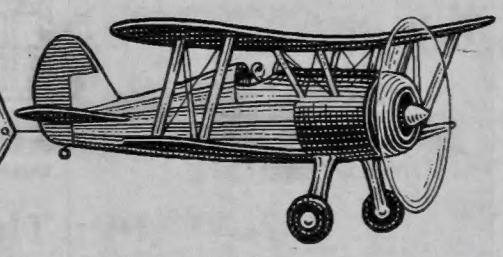

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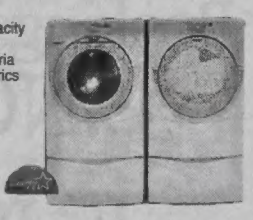

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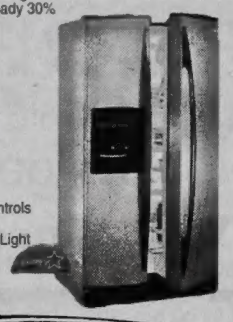

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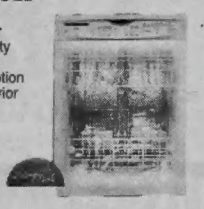

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Rules about road work near water much tighter

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports from the April 21 county roads committee meeting. None of the items discussed have been passed by county council, which meets April 28.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is getting strict about work done near any type of water body.

Until recently, the county could do minor work, such as replacing a culvert, without getting the DFO's permission. However, it recently received a warning about a culvert it installed two years ago after a beaver dam flooded.

In essence, DFO says that if a creek is 12' wide during spring runoff, a culvert would have to be 12', even if the creek narrows to only a foot wide in the summer.

"Costs will go through the roof," roads manager Doug Ray cautioned. "It's not that we're doing anything wrong but what they're going to ask us to do in the future will be unusual to many roads departments. We can't go near water with talking to DFO."

Meanwhile, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey says the county needs to remind property owners that "they have a responsibility to keep the beaver out and reduce the threat of damage to our roads."

Rail Trail

A flooded beaver dam caused considerable damage to a stretch of the Rail Trail near the DynaCon facility. DynaCon responded quickly to limit damage but that part of the trail has had to be closed until the county can clean it up. The roads department will re-build that section of trail.

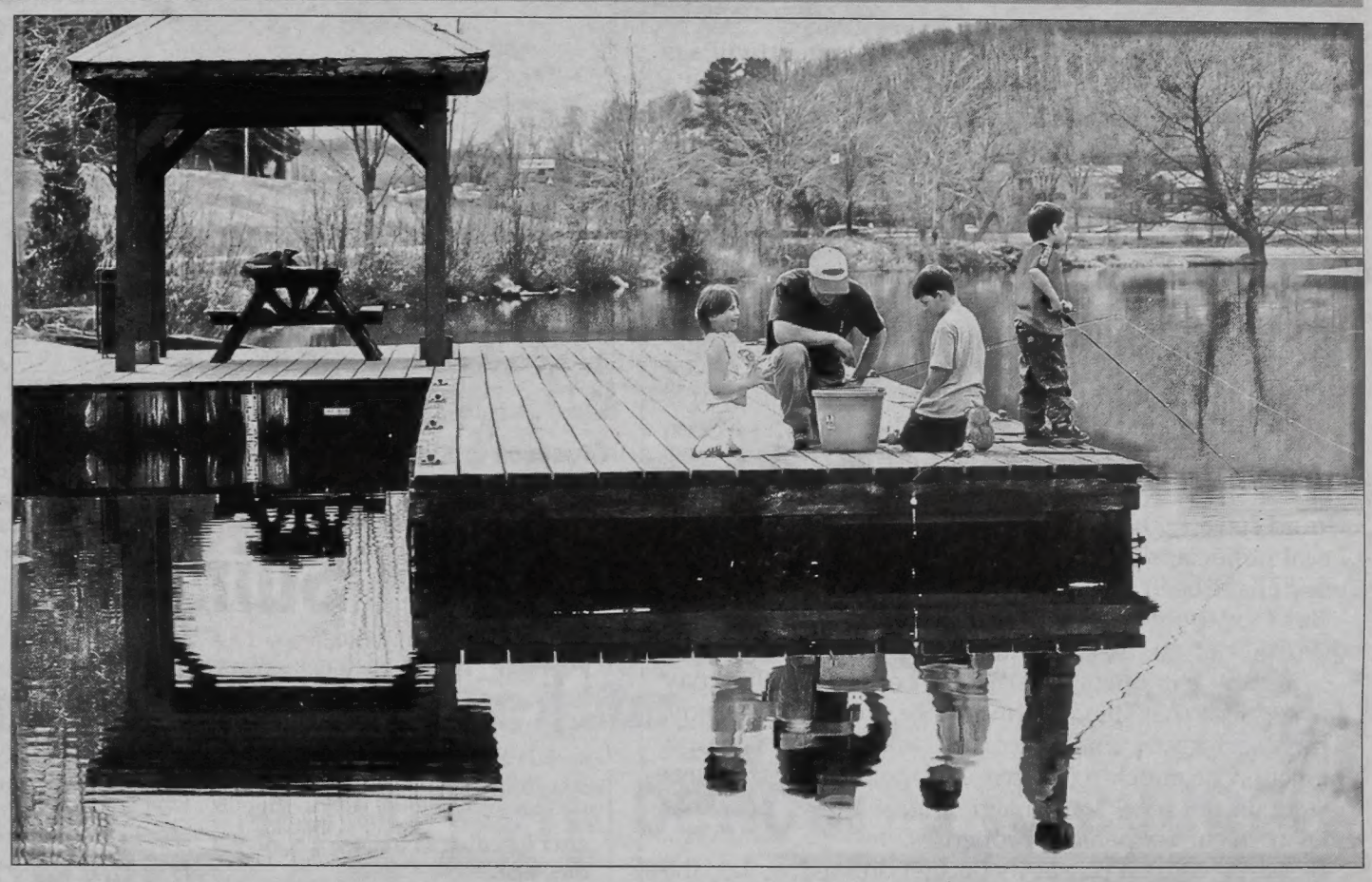
As to ATV use of the trail, the committee decided that it will recommend that county council allow ATVs in July and August. The vote will be April 28.

WSIB concerns

Liability concerns have forced the county to require all private truck operators it hires to have private disability insurance or added coverage from the Workers Safety Insurance Board.

The county does ask operators to sign a disclaimer which states the operator will not be covered by the county's WSIB insurance if they are injured on a work site but Ray worries it would not stand up in court if there is an accident.

All operators have been contacted. Some have said they will remove their names from the pool of available contractors as a result.



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The bait in the bucket gave seven-year-old Carly Auger a chuckle when she went fishing with father Claude and brothers Claude, 8, and Thomas,6, at the Head Lake dock.

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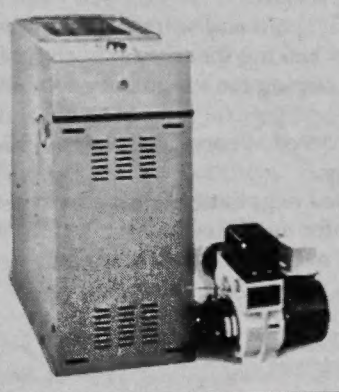

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The tax rate balancing act

COUNTY COUNCILLORS performed a delicate balancing act last Wednesday as they tried to bring in a budget that provided needed services while also providing property owners with a much needed break.

The new system of market value assessment will see most people's assessment increase every year and it's not inconceivable that those with lakefront property will see a 25 per cent jump in value. If the county did nothing to reduce its tax rate – the number by which the assessment is multiplied to come up with taxes owing – then those property owners would see a 25 per cent increase in their taxes.

echo **editorial**

martha perkins

It is awfully tempting for politicians to see the increased assessment as a cash cow. If last year's county tax rate had been applied to this year's assessment, the county would have had a cool extra million dollars to spend. Local politicians could have made a lot of local groups, which have been seeking funding, happy.

But local politicians are also keenly aware that two-thirds of our tax base is cottage property, and cottagers are already extremely sensitive to how much they pay for services that they, by and large, don't fully enjoy. They also know that increased assessment is not a reflection of matching increased income, and that cottagers do not have some magic pot of money now that they own such expensive properties.

If county council passes its budget on Wednesday, the tax rate will be 11.34 per cent lower than last year. That means people whose properties have not increased in value will pay less in county taxes; those whose assessments have increased will have a bit of a cushion. Meanwhile, the county's reserves will be filled to an acceptable level, roads projects will go ahead and a big dent will be made in the debenture for 911 and the upgrades to County Road 21. It's not a bad deal.

Downtown

If quaint heritage buildings are what attracts tourists, Haliburton village has a long, long way to go to boosting its appeal. Our main street is largely a hodge podge of post 1950s buildings, many of which were built when budgets were tight. Our saving grace is Head Lake and the park, and Dysart et al has to be congratulated for its steady investment in making the park an inviting place to visit. (Apparently, judging by letters to the editor, some visitors are not welcome. As long as dog owners follow the poop and scoop rule, dogs should be allowed in the park. They aren't half as much a nuisance as those darn geese.)

Since budgets are, as usual, tight, it's unlikely that we'll see a renovation spree taking place downtown. However, judging by the bustle of activity among members of the BIA, this summer should see some improvements to the main street facade.

Shopping has become a recreational activity. People need to feel it's fun as well as functional, something they want to do, not just have to do. You have to invite them to your store with attractive window displays and signage. Something needs to make them stop when they're walking by and go in.

Rejuvenated business owners are just what this downtown needs.

Crocuses in bloom *Photo by* DARREN LUM/ECHO

Suing for a buck

the not so great outdoorsman

steve galea

THE OTHER DAY I received a phone message from my old hunting buddy, Jerry. At first blush, it seemed like a pleasant social call, merely an invitation to a venison dinner. But I knew better.

"Jerry's so nice," said my wife, after listening to the voice mail message.

"Nice nothing, know any good lawyers," I fumed.

"Can't we just forget them and divide everything equally," she answered, perhaps too eagerly. "The kids will visit you on weekends, I swear."

After an awkward moment of silence, I then went on to translate Jerry's phone call into a language that Carol, a non-hunter, could understand.

Like any seasoned outdoorsman, I knew that Jerry's real purpose was to torment me about last year's deer season and my lack of success therein. This was made abundantly clear by the fact that he was providing the venison while he asked me to bring potato salad.

"Insidious," I muttered. "I'm going to sue."

"But he's just inviting us to dinner," Carol stated. "Why would you want to sue?"

I told her the sad and sordid tale of last deer season. Something that I had suppressed until now. As I gazed vacantly into space, I recollected the time I spent as a guest at Jerry's hunt camp. I then related the story about the deer I missed due to Jerry's gross and willful negligence.

"I don't get it. You shot a stump in front of the deer. How is that Jerry's fault?"

Though absurdly obvious, I patiently explained that Jerry had provided me with neither written nor verbal warning that the forested property was literally strewn with deer-coloured stumps. Nor, I added, did he inform me that the deer on said property had a tendency to use those very same stumps as cover – quite frequently, if the hunt camp log book was to be believed. In fact, I said, Jerry never mentioned the stumps at all, until after the fact. And since then, he has never stopped mentioning them.

Furthermore, I argued, before Jerry and his negligent friends had meddled with chainsaws, those stumps had been full-grown trees – the kind not easily confused with deer. "I only shoot those while grouse hunting," I noted.

"Really?"

"This was clearly part of a wider agenda to embarrass the invited deer hunter," I suggested. "But it won't work."

"But aren't you responsible when you pull the trigger," she parried.

"Good question," I said. Then I referred her to the precedent set by Zoom in the duck season of 1978, whereby the cagey old hunter denied and was acquitted of all responsibility in the killing of a mallard drake, after effectively arguing that its feeding chuckle was driving him mad. The jury, on which I sat, considered the hitting of the duck,an unfortunate coincidence at best, especially in light of Zoom's abysmal record on the skeet range. In a later ruling, Zoom, in fact, won a counter suit in which he sued the duck for willfully interfering with his shot string. Of course, he had a great lawyer.

Judging by the way my wife's eyes glazed over, I concluded that she wasn't in possession of a brilliant legal mind such as mine."

"Neither are you," she quipped. "What are you suing Jerry for?"

"Obviously, pain and suffering," I muttered. "Repeatedly kicking that stump hurt my foot."

"Are you hoping for a monetary settlement," she asked.

"Court-ordered silence," I replied. "This is not about money."

After heated negotiations, Jerry and I settled out of court for an undisclosed amount. Anyone want to buy a slightly used chainsaw?

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Life in small doses

IT HAD BEEN ONE OF THOSE DAYS when adults with children of their own thank God for their parents. Little Jake had been feeling contrary for the better part of the previous twelve hours and, if he was to avoid a total meltdown, a visit to his grandmother was probably needed. Jake knew his Gram loved him no matter what.

Jake and Gram went for a walk with Bert the dog. They left Jake's mother to look after the house over a leisurely cup of tea in their absence. As they set out, Gram - ever aware of Jake's mood - asked him in which direction he wanted to walk. Once he made his choice, he, Gram and Bert set off attached to each other by hand and leash. It wasn't long before Jake decided holding Gram's hand in a gentle walk was somewhat uneventful. Instead, he wanted to run down the sidewalk. Gram reminded him of the rule to stay on the inside part of the sidewalk, then let him go, despite her own slight trepidation. She then walked quite rapidly so as to be but a step or two behind his small figure.

sharon lynch

***down our* road**

Jake was at an age where he was gaining some mastery of his very young body. Now he ran in a jostling kind of way, his rounded arms pumping so that he almost looked like a sparring boxer. As they moved downhill, Jake picked up speed as did Gram and Bert. He fell three times, Gram catching him mid-air the second time and yet he appeared none the worse for wear. There were no tears, only a curious inspection of the palms of his hands.

When they reached the bottom of the hill, it was time to turn down a side street in order to eventually make a large circle back to Gram's house. At first Jake wanted no part of this as he had been set on going all the way to the park. The concepts of time and exhaustion meant little to him so Gram did not even try to discuss them. Instead, she spoke of the ducks they might see on the river that ran along the street she wanted to take. To emphasize the point, she pointed out a muskrat threading through the current, close to where they stood by the bridge.

While Jake was unable to see the muskrat - he kept looking in the trees - his imagination was fired and he agreed to walk and look for ducks in the river. The three of them walked along that quiet town street, spring birds calling from the cedars and leafless bushes, silent houses on one side and the black cold river streaming by on the other. There were few cars.

Jake decided he wanted to run again, stumbling over gravel, hopping over small branches and other detritus of winter scattered in their path. Then he'd slow down to a walk and continue that way until something caught his eye and he'd stop for a closer look. Rocks were his favourite and in no time his pockets were bulging and heavy. If Gram had let him, he would also have picked up discarded papers and a flattened pop can.

They kept looking for ducks but with little luck. It didn't seem to matter to Jake however, as there were so many other things to see and talk about. There were dogs on decks, which made Bert leap at the end of his leash; a swing set on which two children pumped their legs furiously; a huge tree branch blown down in a recent wind storm and now lying like a muscular arm by the road.

The shadows were lengthening and Jake no longer asked if he could run. He was happier holding Gram's hand, especially when they trudged up a long, steep hill. Then, as a treat, Gram asked him if he wanted to go exploring before they returned to her house. Of course he agreed, and so the two of them took a short path through some trees close to Gram's house.

Here the lowering sun cast deeper shadows and the trees crowded their way. The air was cooler, more damp and they saw bits of icy snow under evergreens and in hollows. Gram pointed out a tree limb with chewed bark, probably the work of a porcupine, she said. Jake asked if the porcupine was close by and looked about with some apprehension. She assured him porcupines were afraid of people. As they drew closer to the end of this wooded area, Jake said he knew bears lived over there, pointing to the deeper bush. Gram said maybe they did but they would not bother them. Jake then added that monsters also lived there with the bears. Gram said nothing.

Jake was surprised to see Gram's house in view when they emerged from their exploratory trek. Again he wanted to run instead of holding her hand and she agreed, but ran along with him this time, knowing he was bound to stumble in his inevitable fatigue. Sure enough, his foot caught on something and threw him off balance but she was there in time to catch him mid-air.

When they walked into the house, Jake's mom asked where they had walked since they had been gone for over an hour. She was smiling now and looked more relaxed. Jake started telling her all that he had seen, pulling the rocks from his pockets. His mom explained he could not leave the rocks in his Gram's living room. Before he could protest, Gram suggested they find a special spot for them in her porch, beside her own large rocks from the Maritimes. Jake thought that was a good and fitting place for them. He said maybe next time they'd find ducks to feed. She agreed that was a good possibility.

pic *of the* past

JUST BEFORE they were married in the early 1950s, Roean Davis and Jack Barnhart went to visit his parents in Pine Springs. The couple has resided in Carnarvon, where they raised their four daughters, since their marriage. Our thanks to their daughter, Sandra Bishop, for sharing this week's Pic of the Past with us.

letters to the editor

Take park concerns to council

To the Editor:

After reading Joan Cameron's letter (Arpil 20) regarding the by-law officer, I felt compelled to respond. The first thing that came to mind was "Don't kill the messenger!" Any concerns she has with any by-law should be addressed to council. I applaud our "enthusiastic young enforcer" in carrying out his assigned duties – perhaps to Mrs. Cameron he was being strict, but are there by-laws for only certain people?

It was stated that "anyone who has observed us over the years ..." etc. – so if this is true, anyone new on the scene should obey the law and since you have been around a while, the by-law officer is indeed a "presence" in the summer and fall – many a night he is out doing just what the letter said he should be doing!!

I'm sorry Mrs. Cameron feels that since she cannot walk her dog without a leash, she has to be walking on the rail bed. If all people felt this way, laws would be redundant and I'm sure glad that is quite untrue.

D. Forsyth,
Haliburton

Get Head Lake Park priorities straight

To the Editor:

I read with great interest the letter sent to you by Joan Cameron and I agree with her 100 per cent. We take our dog for a walk at Head Lake every time we can –weather permitting. We have met a lot of nice people who are walking their dogs.

I have not seen very many dogs without a leash but if there is one they quickly put the leash on when they see us coming with our dog.

Everybody takes care of their dogs at Head Lake why can't people (?) take care of their garbage – chip bags, chocolate bar wrappers, pop cans, used sex items are lying all over the place.

I'm sure the by-law officer couldn't help seeing these items – he must be cognizant of all these things.

So Mr. By-law Officer I suggest you get your priorities straight and don't be wasting our tax dollars on such a trivial matter as a person walking their dog without a leash when there is no one or no animal around.

Carol Stacey,
Haliburton

Relocate the teenagers

To the Editor:

I found Joan Cameron's letter interesting, factual and true. How do we get the by-law officer to walk main street and get the teenagers (with their skateboards) relocated? Their language is offensive as is their conduct!

Also, if this system was put into effect perhaps the historical plaque that Michael Barnes discovered missing would still be in its proper location.

Lorna Grant,
Haliburton

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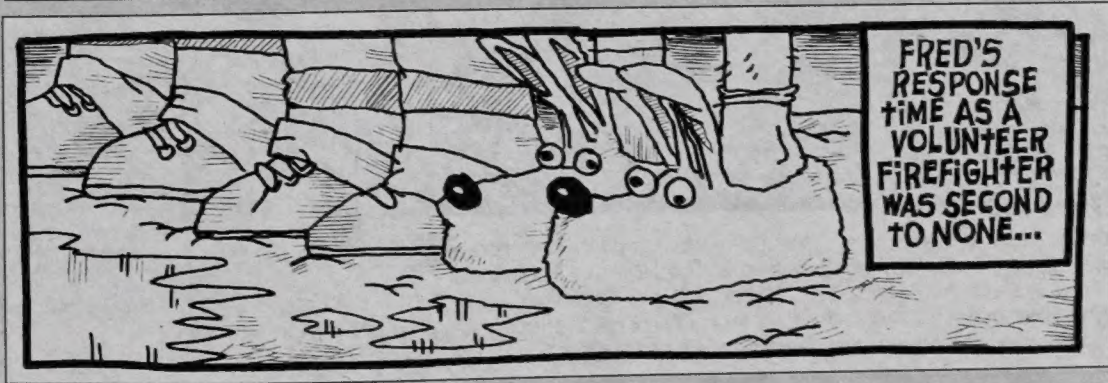

Community makes mock evacuation a success

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services conducts first mock evacuation this year

Mock patients were assisted out the back of Haliburton hospital to waiting ambulances while the mock fire was being fought by the Dysart et al fire department on the roof of the building.

IZABELA JAROSZNSKI

Staff Reporter

"Code Red, zone 17. Code Red, zone 17."

With these words, hospital staff began their first simulated total hospital evacuation exercise last Thursday.

As the alarm sounded, staff got to work calling the fire department and preparing for a possible evacuation.

Six minutes after receiving the call, six fire units arrived to battle the blaze.

The "fire" was located in the generator room (known as zone 17 at the hospital)

The exercise involved the cooperation of a number of different community groups including Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Haliburton fire department, the Ontario Provincial Police, and hospital staff.

Arriving on the scene and assessing the extent of the fire, Dysart et al Fire Chief Miles Maughan declared a full-scale evacuation of the hospital.

The purpose of the exercise was to test the efficiency of the hospital's internal evacuation plan.

Putting it into practice is the best way to discover any potential problems, the hospital's CEO Keith Sansford said.

"Now we will have to sit down and discuss the situation," he said.

None of the real patients in acute or long-term care were asked to participate in the exercise.

Instead, students from the Haliburton High School and other volunteers were on hand to simulate a real life emergency.

Each volunteer, provided with a card that listed the symptoms and/or diagnosis of a real patient, was asked to act the part.

Most of the actors were students from the school's drama department and really took to their respective roles.

Shouts of "I'm cold," and "I have to pee," could be heard throughout the evacuation process, simulating what a real emergency would look like.

Some actors pretended to be concerned family relatives of the evacuees.

All real patients remained in their rooms and were attended to by staff not participating in the evacuation exercise.

The exercise involved four locations: the hospital, the high school gymnasium which acted as the evacuation centre, Minden hospital, and the Haliburton fire department which became command central for emergency personnel.

The evacuees were assessed by staff at the exit doors and sent to either the evacuation centre or the Minden hospital.

Those ambulances carrying patients to Minden didn't actually make the trip, but were timed out for the time it would have taken them to drive the distance to simulate a real situation.

Although the day lacked a sense of real urgency, all participants took their roles seriously.

"Everyone who took part in this exercise executed their roles very professionally,' Sansford said. "I want to thank them."

Darcy Burke, who was the RN in the long-term care when the exercise took place, became the senior clinical person in charge of coordinating staff.

The evacuation took just over one hour. That included the evacuation of 18 acute care patients and 24 long-term care residents, as well as dealing with some specific problems, such as a lost staff member.

The hour was a realistic expectation, Sansford said.

Nurses in the acute care ward get organized before evacuating patients.

He attributed the success to the cooperation between groups.

OPP officers blocked off the roads required to transport patients to the evacuation centre.

Emergency detachments arrived from neighbouring municipalities in case they were required.

"It was successful because all of the community was involved," Sansford said. "Everyone knows their job and has done it well."

Above: EMS general manager Larry Hartin provides information over his walkie-talkie during the mock evacuation at the Haliburton hospital.

Right: Hospital staff moved more than 30 mock patients, as played by high school drama students, to waiting ambulances and buses.

Photos (on both pages) by Darren Lum

Above: A nurse gives mock patients directions to the back exit.
Far right: HHHS director of environmental services Peter Fearrey at the command post in the Dysart et al fire department provides directions for sending back the patients to the hospital.
Right: Incident commander, Don Stephenson gives out direction to Dysart firefighters as well as Minden's fire chief Doug Schell.

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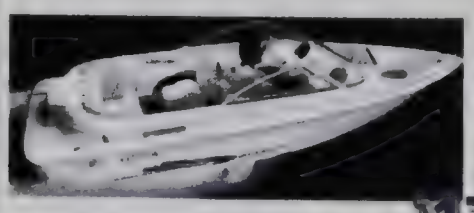

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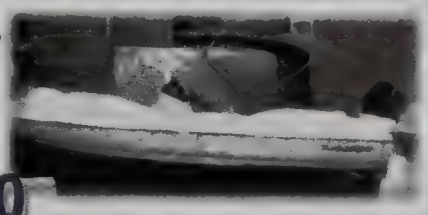

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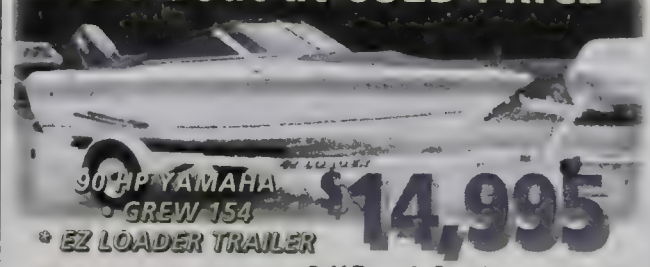

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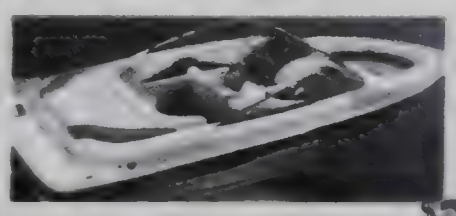

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Red Hawks get ball rolling

Senior Red Hawks soccer team focus on improvement

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

With only one win last season, the Red Hawks Sr. Girls soccer coach is expecting an improvement.

Jessica Morris is in her first year of coaching soccer at the school and believes in the team.

The lack of wins last season will provide ample room for improvement, she says."We'll improve, which means we'll win more than one [game]. Our goal is to win at least two – definitely make the playoffs."

Morris has coached junior soccer for three years at other schools. She doesn't expect to treat the seniors very differently, except for the types of drills she will employ in practice.

Her focus will be on "fine tuning the skills" they have learned at the junior level.

There will be 18 players on the team and all of them, except one, have played at least one season of competitive soccer.

Aside from Kristen Stackhouse as goalkeeper, team positions are not definite. However, most players have moved up from the junior team and will be expecting to play the same positions.

This year's captain has yet to be voted on by the players.

The team will travel to I.E. Weldon for its first game on April 28.

DARREN LUM/Echo

Head coach Jessica Morris instructs her players during an on-field practice that was limited due to the wet conditions.

Haliburton curling league ends with playdown

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The Haliburton Seniors wrapped up their season on March 18 with a play-down for the Curry Motors Millennium Trophy, presented each year to the overall winning team. (l-r) Don Popple presents trophy to Brian Murison (skip), Percy McBain (vice), Marry-Ellen Sheridan (second) and Fred Houtby (lead).

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Outdoors association gets the move on

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

After 13,000 tiny rainbow trout are taken from the pond outside the Haliburton fish hatchery this week, volunteers will be putting 350,000 walleye into the pond next door.

It's a busy spring for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

Over the winter volunteers have been raising 5,000 silver lake trout as well as the rainbow trout which, starting this week, they will put into local lakes.

Last week volunteers went to the Bay of Quinte where they stripped 350,000 walleye eggs from their mothers. Those eggs are now in an incubator at the hatchery. They'll hatch in three weeks and then go into the new pond where they'll stay for six weeks. When they're about two inches long they'll be stocked in Barnum, Black and Loon lakes, and perhaps another lake.

Four thousand of the silver lake trout will be stocked at Percy Lake on Wednesday.

"It's a busy week's work so no one should do any rain dance," said HHOA president John Ball at Sunday's HHOA meeting, before putting out a call for more volunteers. Call the hatchery at 457-9664 if interested.

"Help make Haliburton a good place to work and play," Ball said.

Meanwhile, the winner of a fishing outing with Rocky Crawford was Keith Anderson. The hatchery's open house is May 8.

DARREN LUM/Echo

The HHOA volunteers transferred more than 4,000 fish on Monday to the indoor tanks to be ready for stocking.

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Big Winner

The Haliburton Curling Club held its annual banquet at the Delta Pinestone Resort on April 3 and, among the many awards presented, Terry Roche received the infamous seven ender trophy from Marilou Mizzan. The award is presented each year to the skip who gives up seven points in one end and, for obvious reasons, no nameplates are attached to the trophy.

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Former Eagle Lake elk feeling at home in Hartsmere

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The elk that once made his home among the horses in Eagle Lake is now well on his way to becoming the sheik of his own harem near Bancroft.

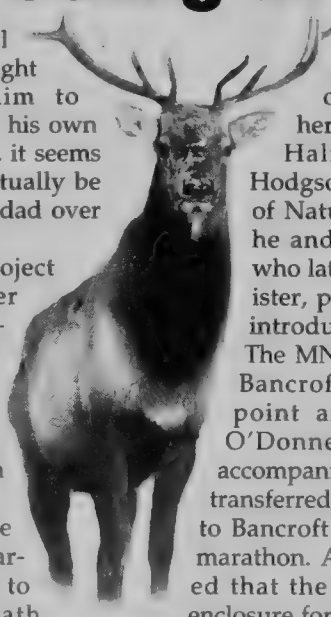
The four-year-old bull is now bigger than the dominant male in an elk herd in Hartsmere.

"He's going to be the challenging bull," John O'Donnell of the Bancroft Elk Restoration Project told a fascinated crowd at Sunday's Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association meeting at the fish hatchery.

Already the young bull is heavier than Peppy, the harem boss whose antler rack is four feet long, O'Donnell said.

The young buck is the son of one of the 70 elk that was relocated from Elk Island National Park in January 2002. His mother grazed her way along the hydro line corridor that runs north of Eagle Lake before she was injured, either by falling or being hit by a vehicle. She had a broken front shoulder and died of infection, leaving her young calf orphaned.

He made his way to "The Farm" in Eagle Lake where he became very friendly with the horses that bordered there. He might not have known there was much difference between a horse and a female elk but the Ministry of Natural Resources did. Ministry staff caught the elk and transported him to Hartsmere to be with females of his own kind. Given his dominant genes, it seems very likely that there will eventually be many young calves calling him dad over the next few years.



O'Donnell and his fellow project volunteer Barry Wannamaker were at Sunday's meeting to provide an overview of the Bancroft project, which is one of four in Ontario designed to reintroduce elk to the areas they roamed before the arrival of European settlers.

The Eagle Lake elk wasn't the only one to get his species' bearings wrong. Another elk went to live with cows near Roseneath before it, too, was transferred to an elk herd.

From the 70 elk from Elk Island in 2000 and the 50 that followed the next year, it is believed that there are now more than 200 elk in Ontario. O'Donnell says everyone is extremely pleased with the results from the Bancroft project; "It's one of the most successful releases in North America."

Elk were gone from Ontario by 1880. There was a small re-location attempt in the 1930s but by the late 1980s there was only a small remnant herd near Sudbury. When Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson became the Minister of Natural Resources in 1996, he and MPP Gerry Oullette, who later replaced him as minister, put on a big push to reintroduce elk to the province. The MNR chose Gin Lake near Bancroft as the best start-off point and in January 2000, O'Donnell and Wannamaker accompanied the 70 elk that were transferred from Northern Alberta to Bancroft in a two-day trucking marathon. Although it was intended that the elk would stay in an enclosure for three months, no sooner were they released from the truck than they ran to the eight-foot-high fence and easily jumped over it. Relocation had begun. (Changes were made to the enclosure the second year and none escaped. There was no difference in the mortality rate once they were released.)

That first year seven of the 20 calves died because they had been separated from their mothers, who remained in Alberta. "Their stomachs were full but with none of the right foods – no protein," Wannamaker said. "They had no moms to show them what to eat."

Elk prefer hardwood forests and grassy areas and therefore did not move into traditional deer areas. (One herd was an unwelcome guest at a farm near Blind river and eventually had to be moved 35 km away.) Each of them were fitted with a radio collar and their location was tracked once a week. When one dies, the body is recovered and sent to Guelph University for a full autopsy. However, most of the bull elk have lost their collars.

Five elk have been illegally shot by hunters. There was much derision of hunters who could mistake an elk with a deer among HHOA members and Wannamaker says his group believes fines for hunting elk should be higher.

When asked when it will be legal to hunt elk, O'Donnell said "It will come. At first I didn't think it would come in my lifetime but it's closer rather than farther away."

It's been suggested that when that day arrives a lottery for a limited number of elk tags be held as a fundraising project.

Meanwhile, people who see an elk are encouraged to report the finding to the MNR. Last fall a big bull and a small bull were reported to be in the Eagle Lake area; they might be the same ones spotted in Bruton Township earlier in the year.

Red Hawks rugby kicks off 2004 season short of seniors

DARREN LUM
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks' head coach fears that if more players don't show up, there won't be a senior rugby team.

"Right now I'm quite confident about having a junior team, but I'm a little leery with the seniors," Stephen Woof said. "If we do [have a team] we might only have 17 guys."

Fifteen players play on the field at a time.

Added to the uncertainty is that some of his senior players are finishing badminton and won't be able to join the team until the very beginning of the rugby season.

"If I can't get a group of them together to practice, work on lineouts, the running plays, it's really hard to develop your team. You have to have your starting guys consistently out," Woof said.

Even though numbers are an issue Woof is confident in the players who have come out such as Conrad Flatman, Kenton McGann, Nathan Dunning, Deni Knezevic, Simon Chow and Dave Balaski.

Balaski, a multi-talented player who also enjoyed a strong campaign in wrestling earlier in the year, will help lead this team which primarily comprised of players who played last season for the junior team. The juniors were edged out in the semi-final game during the Kawartha Championships without Balaski who broke his thumb.

"He's our captain that's for sure," he said.

Helping out with the teams will be Peter Overington, with the possibility of Julie McGann also assisting.

The first game of the season is scheduled for May 7.

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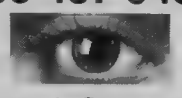
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A friend called Wanda

AMY GRIEVES

HHSS Co-op student

Walking through the halls of the high school one can generally tell the teachers from the students - the teachers in the typical casual dress attire and the students in their latest fads. But one stands out amongst all others, refusing to conform to the expected persona. She wears her black dresses faithfully, dressed impeccably in her suede for any occasion. You instantly know she is coming when you hear the sound of her heels clicking down the hall against the cool linoleum. She marches to her own drummer, sets her own standards, and demonstrates patience and understanding on a daily basis.

We call her Wanda, not out of a lack of respect, but because we have so much respect for her. Although she is a teacher and she deserves and is sometimes referred to by the title "Mrs.", we, her co-op students, refer to her by her first name. She is more than just a teacher to us, she has befriended us and helped us, having an impact on our lives in more ways than she will ever know.

Unlike many of the other teachers at the high school, Wanda Mole began this career when she was 35, with a husband and two kids to nurture as well. She graduated from the University of Toronto with a teaching certificate in 1987, specializing in technical and business studies, teaching for the Scarborough school district upon graduation.

Her husband, Garth, had grown up in the Haliburton area, so they took the kids and headed north. She started as a business teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School the fall of 1989. Wanda taught computer courses related to business and other classes geared to the business market. Six or seven years ago she became the head of the high school's co-operative education program.

"Co-op has advantages. I enjoy being in the community. It's important to be visible in the community because my students are in the workplace. I can't say that I like co-op better than teaching business, but there are a lot of success stories that come with it. I open the door and the kids close it," she says.

There are indeed many success stories, but a key ingredient in making kids successful is Wanda Mole. Her relentless support has helped many kids find their wings and be comfortable with who they are. She has guided students, making their ventures possible, bringing out their best traits.

No matter which way you slice it, Wanda seems to love people. On top of being a loving wife and mother, and being the encouraging shadow of her co-op students, she also is a volunteer for VCARS (Victim Crisis Awareness Referral Service), a volunteer respite worker for Family Services, and is a volunteer for the St. Stephens Heritage Church committee. Her connections with OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) have also helped her students excel as several of her students have been taken on as apprentices after completing their co-op placement.

"Sometimes kids have a hard time in school. They don't like being contained in the four walls of the classroom, so co-op offers them the option of spreading their wings. Their experience is hands-on and their placement will help them make concrete career decisions," Wanda says. "It's important for kids to participate in the Co-op experience because post secondary is very expensive. By being in co-op they can see if they like it, and it helps give them career direction."

DARREN LUM/Echo

HHSS co-op student Amy Grieves with Wanda Mole (wearing pants for a change) display the special bond she has with her.

As the interview closes, Wanda, with her hair perfect and make up smudge-proof, talks about the kids that she has to go see, how well her students are doing, and about how proud she is of them. A smile creeps across her face as she talks about how rewarding her job is.

"I still find it very rewarding. I would definitely miss it if I left; the kids are great. It's rewarding how my students wait for me to come to the placement to see how they're doing. They're proud of themselves and want to share their success stories."

It's people such as Wanda Mole who are the real push, making kids succeed far beyond their own expectations or anyone else's expectations. It's no wonder that her students anticipate a visit from her, when they know the outpouring of encouragement and support that she will provide. Because of all that she does for us, because of all our respect for her.

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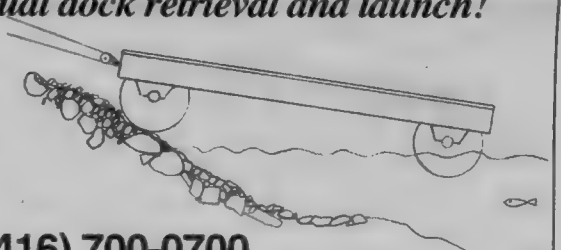

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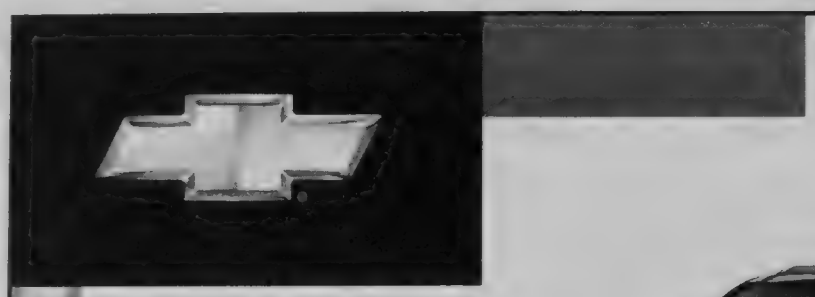

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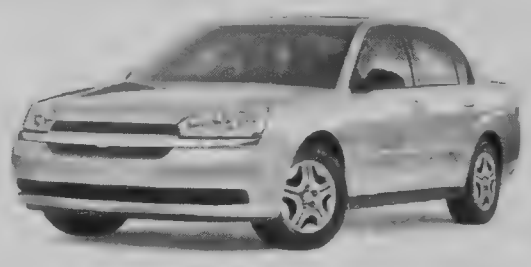

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What do you do when you meet a moose on the road?

To the Editor:

I was driving home along Moose Lake Road, on Easter Sunday night at about 9 pm, when suddenly, in front of me, was a large female moose. Well, I think it was female because there were no antlers. I immediately learned that Moose don't act at all like deer, which quickly run into the woods. She continued down the road and wouldn't let me pass. I believe that I handled this encounter badly.

She walked with the awkward moose gait, perhaps ambled is a better word, from side to side, constantly looking back at me. I followed at a respectable distance enthralled by my very first sighting of a moose, and on a road named after her. I've often wondered if there are moose here; now I know the answer.

After what seemed like at least 15 minutes, she moved to the side of the road and stood there. I hesitated. The road is narrow, and she was not really off the road. I moved the car slowly forward and had great hopes of passing her when she lunged out in front of the car glaring at me, or so I thought. Then she backed up a little and stood parallel to the road, slightly inclined into the road, with her head turned toward the car. She was almost blocking my way, but not quite.

I didn't know what to do. At that point I realized that I should have had more patience and simply waited back many yards waiting for her to leave the road. Perhaps, too, I should have turned out my lights. However, I didn't do that; instead, I was in my little car almost beside a belligerent moose, who apparently didn't want me to pass. I sat in the car thinking. Should I wait until she moves? Should I back up? Or, should I slam on the accelerator and get away?

Concerned that she might rear up and use her hoofs, and her obviously hefty weight, to attack the car, I contemplated backing up. However, I thought she might chase me, I'd only be farther from home, and she might charge at the car. And besides, it was pitch dark to make backing up quite difficult. So, I decided to make a run for it so to speak.

Slamming on the accelerator I took off, and so did she; she charged toward the car. I escaped by inches and got away. Now I'm wondering how she would act if I met her on my numerous walks on the road. In any case regardless of how I meet her, I'll keep my distance in the future, and I'll certainly drive more slowly in the evening.

Gwynneth Heaton
Toronto

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Toronto cottager Gwynneth Heaton would like some advice on what to do the next time a moose doesn't want to let her by.

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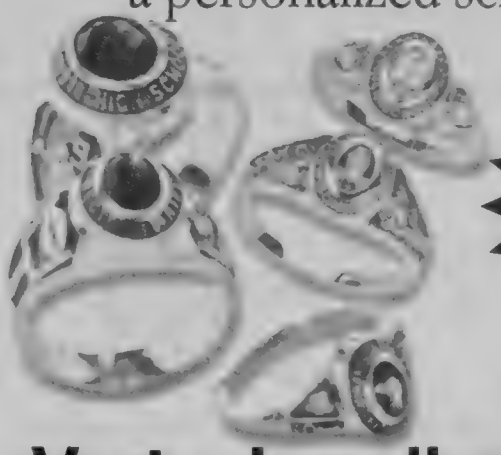

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Liability for Wilberforce water shouldn't be such a big concern

To the Editor:

I am more than a little puzzled by Highlands East Council's concerns over the Wilberforce water liability issues.

One would be led to believe that each member of council would be liable for their decision s to the extent that they would have to pay out of their own pockets. This is absolute nonsense.

The Municipality pays thousands of dollars Insurance premiums to protect the municipality and each member of council from such liability issues. Each member of council is covered for at least $1-million, plus the cost of legal defence.

The fact that each member of council can be sued individually is not a new issue as we would be led to believe. This is just another stalling tactic by council.

They would have us believe they are risking everything they own to represent us at the council table. This is simply not so. They are very well protected. Protection that is paid for by our tax dollars!

My advice to council – If you can't take the heat, you had best get out of the kitchen.

Chuck Viner,
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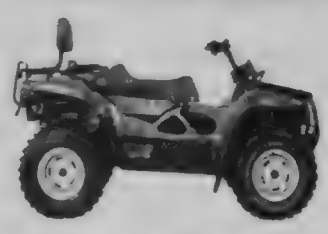
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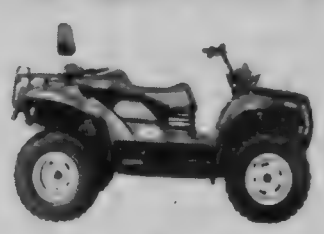
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Editorial on water issue showed few signs of research

To the Editor:

One of the bonuses of a democracy is the freedom afforded the press. However, with that freedom comes a responsibility. that responsibility is to ensure that the facts in a story or editorial are correct before publishing it.

This brings me to the editorial of April 13, 2004. It is obvious that the writer of this piece did little or no research into the subject as the article was rife with inaccuracies, which I won't enumerate as I am sure that someone from the WATCH committee will take the author to task.

Another bonus in a democracy is the right of citizens to be informed and to voice their opinions (not only at election time), but anytime a situation warrants it. Mr. Pizzey's editorial struck us as being scornful of those citizens who chose to voice their opinions regarding the Wilberforce water situation.

Hopefully no one was led astray by the assertions in the referred to editorial.

Tom and Kay Huffman
Wilberforce

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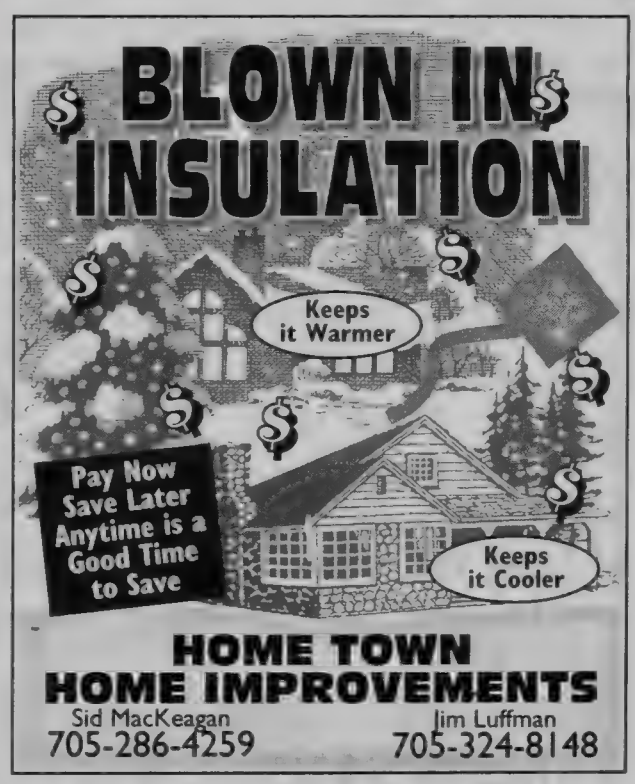

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Michael Johnson, one of the characters in *Bedroom Farce*, ponders life from in bed.

Haliburton can be proud of its festival thespians

To the Editor:

The Highlands Little Theatre presented a comedy play, *Bedroom Farce*, last Saturday evening at the Spring Play Festival, hosted this year at the Kanata Theatre (around the corner from the Corel Centre). The eight performers from the Haliburton area were a real hit from the Festival, a competition amongst four theatre groups this year in Eastern Ontario - Haliburton, Peterborough, Kingston and Ottawa. The Festival has been hosted by various theatre groups for competition and to showcase talent since 1933 and to be selected to participate in a rare honor.

The Haliburton group performed extremely well, to the entertainment of a near sell out Crowd – more than 300 in attendance, the best of the festival week. The adjudicator, Allen Strattan – Stratford-born internationally-acclaimed playwright – spoke after the performance and, though a critic, seemed to have a positive attitude, and was very favourable of the actors' performance, choice of play subject, set design and overall presentation. I'm sure the Highlands Little Theatre group were recognized for their high calibre of skills the following day at the awards, and judging meeting.

We are now looking forward to more excellent productions this summer at the Highland Summer Festival at the "Theatre at Haliburton High".

David, Eileen and Myra Brown,
Ottawa and Haliburton Lake

Businesses should band together to fight hydro costs

To the Editor:

I am seeking the paper's help to locate businesses with the same problem that I have recently encountered. Hydro One last month presented a bill to me that was three times the value of last year. Last week I opened another bill and this one is seven times the value of last year.

I want to rally to a cause other business people who have had a similar experience. The intention of the group is not to collect and hash over what we already know. Rather I feel we need to find action-oriented business people with this similar problem in order to strategically plan a course of action to make change to this alarming pattern. Future bills must become more reasonable or I fear that some might find themselves out of business.

Readers can contact me either by e-mail or telephone if they wish to work on this project. The amount of interest will determine the place of the first meeting. Thank you.

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Due to a typesetting error, there was a mistake in Eleanor Cooper's poem, published last week. Here's the poem as it should have read.

by Eleanor Cooper

When lilacs bloom with butterflies,
As well as their fragrance sweet,
When rains come down on daffodils
To water the blossoms they meet;

When sunlit mornings in May are filled
With birds in bursts of song,
And everything that was planted
Shows promise of coming along;

I know the satisfaction of seeing it come to birth,
And with heartfelt gratitude I glimpse signs of growth in earth.

The digging I did last fall paid off
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Inside Kabul's Camp Julien

Fort Irwin cottager completes a six-month peacekeeping tour in Afghanistan

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Master Cpl. Renee Russell, a Fort Irwin cottager, attracted national news coverage while serving in a six-month peacekeeping operation in Kabul, Afghanistan. Her congregation at Eagle Lake Church kept track of her activities while praying for her safe return.

Renee Russell's slim five-foot-one frame is tough enough to carry about 55 lbs of gear all day at high altitude but she couldn't quite take in the daunting five-inch-high Black Forest cake that an excited congregation at Eagle Lake Community Church tried to foist on her at a recent welcome back lunch.

Russell, a Fort Irwin cottager, had returned a week earlier from her first peacekeeping operation. The 21-year-old Master Corporal's tour was a six-month daily learning experience in one of the most war-ravaged countries on earth - Afghanistan. She joined the Third Royal Canadian Regiment at the Canadian Camp Julien in Kabul, Aghanistan's capital, on August 16. It was an extremely foreign environment compared to her home in small town Gilford, Ontario. The regiment is part of an International Security Assistance Force trying to help Afghans piece their country back together.

"It was incredibly exciting going to Afghanistan. Unfortunately, I'd just been hired as a paramedic so had to quit my job," says Russell. With such fierce competition to get a spot on a limited number of missions, she didn't want to miss the opportunity.

Russell parades weekly out of the Aurora Armoury with the Queen's York Rangers. She did her basic training as a co-op credit in high school and decided to join the army reserve because "it looked like fun." Her definition of fun might not be universal but she enjoys the two opposing but complementary skills that the army teaches, self-sufficiency and team work. The army appealled to her because the idea of being on ship didn't and the odds of being able to fly a jet, her only reason for wanting to join the air force, were slim.

"My joining came out of left field. No one in my family is in the military aside from my grandfather who served in the war and then got out," says Russell.

It is not a full-time job she wants either. She is passionate about the reserve but equally passionate about having the freedom to choose which missions she goes on and when. She chose to decline an opportunity to go to Bosnia after Afghanistan. Her focus now is putting her college education to work and getting another job as a paramedic. She didn't use those skills in Afghanistan and is grateful that the worse injury she had to tend to was putting a Band-aid on a child.

Working out of Camp Julien required a very different set of skills. Russell went through three months of training before leaving for her six-month tour. She insists that Canadian soldiers are the best trained in the world but nothing can quite prepare you for the minute you step out of the plane and get a face full of windblown dust. Afghanistan has been in a state of devastating drought since 1998. The land in Russell's pictures looks like a dust bowl dotted with broken buildings and impoverished people.

Afghanistan borders Pakistan, Iran and Tajikistan. A population estimate is 25.9 million. Numbers vary, though, due to the millions of refugees who have fled the country during 30 years of war since a military coup abolished the monarchy in 1973. The majority of Afghans are Sunni Muslim. Half of Afghans speak Afghan Persian, 35 per cent speak Pashtu and the rest speak 30 minor languages including a smattering of English, Russell discovered.

Her job in this shattered nation was to get past the statistics and forge a link between the locals and the multi-national security force in Afghanistan. A typical day involved getting up at 5 a.m. to work out in Camp Julien's gym before showering with only two minutes worth of water. (Eventually they were allowed more.) She would eat and then don a tactical bullet-proof vest, another coat with a multitude of pouches, hat and sunglasses before strapping on a 9 mm pistol and a C7 rifle. She would then slide in behind the wheel of a white Toyota Land Cruiser.

Her job from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. was to ferry fellow members of her CIMIC (civilian military cooperation unit) safely down roads thronged with carts, people, animals and other vehicles. When they reached a destination she would provide security at the site or assist in the project.

The goal of her unit was to create goodwill by digging wells, helping to rebuild schools, refurbish playgrounds, and repair infrastructure such as bridges. Several of her pictures are of the places they visited and handed out winter clothing and toiletries sent by families from Ontario. (She had asked for a few things but became overwhelmed by the response.) In one of her pictures the soldiers are standing in winter jackets and

See **bombers** *page 22*

Master-Corporal Renee R
ghanistan. The 21-year-old
driver for a civil-militar
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By M.-CPL. RENEE RUSSELL
Special to Sun Media

Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003
I have arrived in Afghanistan and am settling in comfortably. The air is thin, so even the smallest task like moving luggage completely winds you. The kitchen is set up and the food is pretty good. Lots of fresh fruit, salads and cereal. I'm in my permanent quarters and they are quite comfortable. Last night, a scorpion was killed in one shelter and a camel spider in another! No bugs in my shelter yet. The days are very hot and dry, but the nights cool down nicely. The view is spectacular. I'm surrounded by mountains.

Sunday, Aug. 17
Today I drove our SUV through downtown Kabul, and what an experience that was. There are no road signs, lights or median lines. You go wherever you'll fit, and try to stay to the right-hand side, but not always. I scared my

Pictured above, Russell and excerpts from her diary from Afghanistan were featured in the *Toronto Sun* on September 28, 2003.

Suicide bombers struck Canadians

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boots with snow in the background talking to barefoot Afghans in thin, patched clothes.

They also went to girls' and boys' orphanages, a by-product of years of war. The boys and girls are still not allowed to mix, even as children. Russell and her unit visited several orphanages delivering jackets, mattresses, and supplies.

"This one little girls' orphanage was my favourite. We would also visit refugee camps where people lived in tents with no running water. They were dirty, cold and unhealthy. We would hand out hygiene kits. They tried (to stay clean) but they didn't have facilities," says Russell.

She said Kabul's sewers are open ditches and that you had to be careful not to step into them after a fresh snowfall. Children play in dumps while parents scavenge. She said it's a remarkable recycling effort but such desperate poverty is sad. Russell said one of the things that she was most looking forward to on her return home was taking a big deep breath of clean air.

Despite the poor conditions, Russell was often surprised by the generosity of the people.

"The Afghans received us very positively. People were always very generous. They were always offering bread, snacks, and tea. I drank a lot of tea. At every place it was customary to have some tea. It was incredible considering how little they had," she says.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the Afghans were friendly and happy to have you there, which lulled you into a sense of security. But they don't send soldiers into countries where there isn't danger. It was the one per cent you had to watch out for. We were never engaged but you knew the danger was there."

That danger became evident when up to three anti-tank mines in a creek bed near the Canadian camp exploded, killing Sgt. Robert Short and Cpl. Robbie Beerenfenger last October. Then, on January 27, a suicide bomber walked up to a Canadian patrol and detonated a mortar shell strapped to his chest killing Canadian Cpl. Jamie Murphy and an Afghan bystander and wounding three other Canadian soldiers.

Russell says last October there was "a bit of anger" in the camp when Short and Beerenfenger died but far more after the suicide bombing. She said soldiers were frustrated because "when someone shoots at you, you can shoot back" but in this case there was no one to get back at. They believed the troublemakers were coming from outside of Kabul so did not take out their anger on the locals, she says.

Despite the attacks, Russell believes the mission in Afghanistan is working. She commented on the "construction happening at an awesome rate" - a sign of faith that peace will last and that what is built today will not be demolished tomorrow.

When it comes to the less tangible improvements in human rights, she is less certain about the progress being made. It is still common for warlords and their men to walk the streets heavily armed. She laughs when she imagines what the reaction would be if a man came down a Canadian street with an AK47 slung over his shoulder. However, she says the situation is constantly improving with fewer armed men in public.

See **Russell** *page 23*

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Russell rejects false G.I. Jane stereotype

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It was harder for her to discern how much progress women are making. Her understanding is that women can no longer be beaten if they don't wear a burka, a heavy head-to-toe covering with a slit for the eyes, but most still wear one. She saw many women wear burkas rolled up in the front like a head scarf which they would drop back down in crowds of men.

Afghan men seemed to make an exception for Russell, even though she did attract a lot of uncomfortable attention such as the day a group of men surrounded her SUV. She said they were not hostile but she felt uncomfortable always being stared at. She received many marriage proposals from men trying to escape Afghanistan.

Men's attitudes towards local women were not so affable. She saw a 10-year-old boy talking to a taxi driver for his mother and often saw boys bartering on behalf of their mothers with men because they were not supposed to talk to men. Russell says she would feel humiliated if it had been her son (not that she has one).

Being a woman in the international force in Kabul had other advantages too. The Canadians usually worked with Canadians but she got to spend some time with a Croatian unit and their bomb sniffing dogs. Sometimes they needed her help as a female to do searches when Afghan women were involved.

"It was a lot of fun (working with Croatians). They're very friendly, always joking around," says Russell.

Female personnel were in short supply. There are few women like Russell trained as an armoured crewman. She says infantry seems to be the last area of the Canadian forces where women are scarce but believes that is by choice, not military prejudice. There were five women at first and then four in her 30-member platoon in Afghanistan which, for the type of work they did, was considered astonishingly high, she says. The ratio in camp was one woman to 10 men, and most women were medics or other non-armed personnel.

However, that does not mean that in Russell's eyes there is a problem. Since she joined the reserves five years ago, she's never been subjected to prejudice or nasty sexism. She says the guys aren't nice to anyone who isn't there to work, male or female, but "once you prove you can do your job they're great." She says it is like having 200 big brothers, which can sometimes be just as annoying.

Russell admits not many women take on the risks she has but she does not think a woman doing a military job is headline-worthy either. Not everyone agrees with her.

Several articles featuring Russell appeared in the national media while she was away. Her uncle, an editor for the *Toronto Sun*, published excerpts from her daily e-mails to her family about life in Kabul. *Macleans* magazine did a story featuring her last October but she was disappointed the article erroneously painted the pretty blonde, blue-eyed girl as a GI Jane wannabe.

"The article said *GI Jane* was my favourite movie. I only said I'd seen it. It said I didn't own a dress. I said I didn't have a dress in Kabul," she explained, wrinkling her nose. Her friends and family, packed elbow to elbow in the church basement during the welcome home lunch, joked about assault rifles not being a normal accessory for a dress.

Her barracks were a prime example of a feminine touch. She wanted to dress up the place, so asked her mother to find the brightest, tackiest, coloured sheets she could find so the women could hang them up around their beds for privacy in quarters she described as comfortable and cozy. She ended up with a Peanuts cartoon print and a mix of florals and other crazy patterns.

The second-best thing to arrive from home were Christmas packages that her mother thoughtfully sent. The Christmas spirit was strongest when her unit was able to deliver Operation Christmas Child packages, shoe boxes that Canadian children fill with toys, toiletries and other things for children in the Third World. Russell says the Afghan kids loved the boxes but were scared to open them in front of other people because they thought someone would try to steal the contents. Christmas presents are a foreign tradition to these children.

Her wish now that she is home is that the people of Afghanistan will be able to achieve peace and rebuild their country. It will be a long road. The political structure is as unstable as the infrastructure. Kabul's power lines are haphazardly strung in a patchwork unreliable system. Families have homes to rebuild: one family she visited was living in a house missing a wall that was blown away during the war.

Russell has done her bit in trying to help and retains hope that the in-roads her unit and the International Security Assistance Force have made will be lasting.

Notices

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
ROADS DEPARTMENT

SCHEDULE B
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE ROAD -
COUNTY ROAD 18
(Ingoldsby Road to Lofty Pines Lane)

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

the County of Haliburton is planning to undertake road improvements for the above-noted section of the Kashagawigamog Lake Road. The nature of the improvements will include minor drainage works, base restoration and provision for a new road surface.

The project is being planned as a Schedule B undertaking and in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects.

For further information regarding the nature of the work, please direct inquiries to:

Mr. Roy L. Haig, Engineering Services Manager
County of Haliburton Roads Department
3 Saint Germain Street
Minden, On. K0M 2K0
Telephone (705) 286-1762 Facsimile (705) 286-4881

Input from residents within the project area and comment from the general public is invited and will be considered in the planning and restoration of this section of county road. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, and the receipt of other necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the aforementioned improvements and be completed by September 30, 2004.

This notice issued April 30, 2004.

Roy L. Haig, CET
Engineering Services Manager
Corporation of the County of Haliburton

Township of Algonquin Highlands
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Employment Opportunity
Full-Time Position

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for a full-time Maintenance Worker at the Dorset Yard with equipment experience to assist with all aspects of municipal summer and winter maintenance programs.

The successful applicant must have a clean drivers abstract along with a proven ability to operate equipment such as lawnmowers, weed eaters and lawn tractors etc. Heavy equipment experience and a DZ drivers licence is also an asset.

Employees are required to be energetic, cooperative, customer service oriented individuals who take pride in their work and have a demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and with a crew. Dependability is a MUST as is the availability to work outside of regular hours including weekends and evenings.

A Job Description is available upon request.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands offers a friendly and busy work environment. Interested parties are invited to submit their resumÈs to the address below no later than **4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2004.**

Township of Algonquin Highlands
R.R. #2, 1123 North Shore Rd.
Minden, ON
K0M 2K0
ATT: Mr. Brian Whetstone
Public Works Superintendent

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Volunteer Fire Dept. charity dance hits the floor Saturday night

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Stan Sweet of Highland Grove who died recently.

Stan and his wife Marlene have been lifetime residents in the area, always hard workers, good neighbours and willing workers in the community. They have been active at the Highland Grove Community Centre and curlers at the Wilberforce Club.

Stan had been an employee of Freymond Lumber in Bancroft until his health problems developed in recent months. We have been greatly saddened by Stan's passing and our thoughts have been with Marlene and family at this difficult time.

Laura Amos was baptized at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday, April 25, 2004. Eight-year-old Laura is the daughter of Anita and the late Peter Amos, and granddaughter of Alfretta O'Rourke. Surrounded by family and friends, Laura was baptized by the Rev. Bob Weight and welcomed to the church and family of God.

Rev. Weight spoke of the history and significance of baptism. Among the hymns sung was a moving one entitled "This Child of Mine".

Following the service Laura's family welcomed everyone to a delicious hot luncheon at beautifully decorated tables for a time of celebration and fellowship. Family members attended from Nova Scotia, Whitby, Huntsville, Courtice, Haliburton, Ridgeway and Wilberforce.

Please support the Volunteer Fire Department here in Wilberforce in their effort to support the Hannah family by attending the benefit dance this Saturday night, May 1, at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Admission is by donation. There will be a buffet meal at 10 p.m. and a cash bar. Music is being donated by Tom Couglan's band "Timber Tom and the Crosscuts".

Come to dance or just drop in for an hour between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. and be generous in your help to this young family, Rob and Crystal (Alden) Hannah, as they deal with Rob's struggle with cancer and treatment. There are many others locally and beyond who are experiencing this dreadful disease and share this family's daily battle to cope.

At the Easter Maple Syrup Festival the Senior Citizens' Food and Easter baskets were won by Jacqui Scott and Jim Lawr.

The Recreation Committee is working hard to organize the Penny Raffle coming up in just a month on Sat. May 22, at the Arena. Regular donors may expect a call and prizes maybe dropped at Montage Real Estate, Agnews or the Bostonian Motel.

Loop Minor Softball starts on Monday, May 31. Young people are to register at the Wilberforce ball diamond on that date. Juniors, age 5 to 8 should arrive at 6 p.m. and Seniors, ages 9 to 12 will be registered at 7 p.m. There is a $20. fee per child. So kids, start saving up your loonies in the next few weeks so you can help pay your fee. For other information call Ken Riley at 448-2864.

It's great that there'll be softball for these youngsters. Now if there are other adults willing and able to work with the 13 and overs for some softball why not get together and help them get organized for some games too – even a few pick-up games if not a full fledged league. A few dollars "pitched" in for some balls and bats – most kids have or can borrow a glove (if needed) – and play some "Scrub" at least.

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST
NOTICE

(Applicant — ALLAN/HUGHES)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ROAD ALLOWANCE AND ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of May, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lots 16 and 17, Concession 15 designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 1639, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated December 30, 2003 and;
SECONDLY: Part of Lot 16, Concession 15 designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 1639 Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Parts 3, 4 and 11 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated December 30, 2003 and subject to a right-of-way in favour of Bell Canada and Hydro One Networks Inc. in regard to Part 3; and
THIRDLY: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Parts 5, 6, 7, 12, 17 and 18 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated December 30, 2003 and subject to a right-of-way in favour of Bell Canada and Hydro One Networks Inc. in regard to part 6; and
FOURTHLY: Part of Lot 16, Concession 15 designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 14729, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Part 16 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated December 30, 2003; and
FIFTHLY: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lots 16 and 17, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton being Part 19 all on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated December 30, 2003. (Part 19 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above, is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 20th day of April, 2004.

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Wilberforce, Ontario

Haliburton Fear Factor

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If they complete the stunt they will advance; if fear stops them or they fail the missions then they will be eliminated. The contestant who wins the final challenge takes home the grand prize.

Fear Factor will be held on May 21st during period 2 in the Hal. High. Athletic Complex.

Notices

Monmouth Township
Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Contract Position Available

Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation has an 8 month contract position opening May 17, 2004 for a part-time Administrator. The position will assume responsibility for overall day to day operation of the non -profit hosing project, Maple View. The Administrator will report to a Board of Directors and work within policy guidelines established by them as well as criteria established by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Service Manager, the City of Kawartha Lakes. This position requires a self-motivated individual willing to work 20 hours per week with flexibility for meetings and emergency call ins. Copy of job description available at Maple View. Candidate should possess the following skills and knowledge:

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- Ability to understand on convey Ministry and legal requirements
- Good negotiation and mediation skills
- Effective interpersonal and problem solving skills; ability to interact effectively with tenants, staff, directors, suppliers, contractors and the general public
- Basic knowledge of building construction, planned maintenance, Fire Code, Water Regulations, building Code and local by-laws necessary to maintain the physical integrity of the building
- Up to date knowledge of computerized accounting and word processing.

Please forward resume by **May 7, 2004** in an envelope clearly marked "Administrator Application" to

Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation
PO Box 70
Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0
or
Fax your resume to: 705-448-3652

We wish to thank all those who apply, however we will be contacting only those applicants to be interviewed.

Auditions being accepted for seniors' entertainment showcase

Auditions for entertainers in their 50s, 60s, 70s and beyond are taking place now for North America's largest seniors' entertainment showcase, the 2004 RBC Seniors' Jubilee at Roy Thomson Hall!

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August 16 to 20, the Jubilee will present this year's amazing kaleidoscope of performances featuring a cast of over 1300 talented senior performers from all regions of the province.

To arrange an audition contact by mail, telephone, fax or e-mail: RBC Seniors' Jubilee, c/o Canadian Organization of Senior Artists and Performers. Attention: Wayne Burnett, Artistic Director, 603 1/2 Parliament Street, Toronto, Ont. M4X 1P9. Telephone: (416) 962-3819 or (416) 926-3796. Fax: (416) 260-5627.

E-mail: info@cosap.ca and provide your name, address, telephone number and a brief description of your act.

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NOTICE

All new sign assemblies and/or structures adjacent a County Road requires approval from the County of Haliburton Roads Department.
For more information please direct enquiries to:

Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager
Brian Mulholland, Operations & Approvals

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT
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Closing Date

May 5, 2004 at 2:00:59 p.m. Local (North Bay) Time.

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Item #7	Dwight	4,000 tonnes
Item #8	Dorset	4,000 tonnes
Item #9	Minden	7,500 tonnes

Commencement of Work

The charging of Working Days shall commence on **May 17, 2004** and the Contractor shall diligently carry out the Work on this Contract to completion on or before the expiration of **35** Working Days from the date of commencement.

Technical Information

Stan Farnsworth
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Award

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Ontario

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Wednesday, May 12th, 2004.
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-04-009 – Dekort
   - Purpose and Effect: to recognize the location of a seasonal dwelling that has legal non- complying status and to legalize the location of private cabin that does not have legal status.
     - Permit a private cabin in the front yard.
     - Reduce the side building setback for a private cabin to 5 feet to the south side lot line.
     - Reduce the side building setback for a seasonal dwelling to 13 feet.
     - Increase the permitted accessory buildings on the lot from 2 to 3.
     - Reduce the water setback for a seasonal dwelling to 47.5 feet from the high water mark of Kennisis Lake.
     - Reduce the water setback for a private cabin to 31 feet from the high water mark of Kennisis Lake.
   - Location: Part Lots 19 & 20, Concession 3, Lot 52, Plan 402, Havelock Township (Kennisis Lake – Wilkinson Dr., formerly S. Kennisis Lake Road).

2. D13-MV-04-013 – Kernohan
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage.
     - Reduce the side building setback for a garage to 3.3 feet.
   - Location: Part Lot 28, Concession 10, Guilford Township (Redstone Lake – Boice Bradley Road).

3. D13-MV-04-014 – Richard Ludlow
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit the placement of a mobile home.
     - Clarify that a mobile home conforms to the uses permitted by the RU-4 zone.
   - Location: Part Lot 33, Concession 3, Harcourt Township (off road allowance between Harcourt and Herschell Townships).

4. D13-MV-04-015 – Farrar and Paulley
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a seasonal dwelling.
     - Reduce the water setback for a seasonal dwelling to 50 feet from the high water mark of Kennisis Lake.
   - Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 3, Lot 19, Plan 467, Havelock Township (Kennisis Lake – off Pine Point Road).

5. D13-MV-04-016 – Nickson
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a seasonal dwelling and a private garage.
     - Reduce the water setback for a seasonal dwelling to 50 feet from the high water mark of Buck Creek.
     - Reduce the water setback for a private cabin to 43 feet from the high water mark of Buck Creek.
   - Location: Part Lot 24 & 25, Concession 12, Part 2, Plan 19R-209, Harcourt Township (County Road 10).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the setbacks affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: April 26th, 2004

Patricia Martin
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

THE HALIBURTON COUNTY LARGE PRINT PHONE BOOK COMES OUT LATER THIS MONTH. PICK UP A COPY.

Giving to Razzi

Haliburton County Development Corporation general manager Andy Campbell officially presented the $1,500 cheque to the Razzamataz Kids Show last week. Show's masot Razzi accepted the cheque with the show's vice-chair Trish Wooton, seven-month-old Owen Wooton and three-year-old Eric Wooton in attendence. This money was used for the mascot and the concert series. The Velveteen Rabbit was the last show of the series and was performed at Camp Wanakita on April 18.

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Spring has sprung and asparagus is primed for the menu

Spring is finally here – hooray! Now is the time to see how much winter fat we have stacked on. One good thing about winter is the layers of clothes that keep us warm and hidden.

Roasted Asparagus

Layer the asparagus on a baking sheet and over the asparagus sprinkle minced fresh garlic, olive oil drizzled, add some salt, pepper, dried basil and or oregano and bake at a high oven 400° for less than 10 minutes. The time depends on the crispness you prefer your asparagus. I like it a bit crispy. You will need to only turn once.

Another favourite is to add it to an omelette

Asparagus Omelette

4 eggs
2 tbsp milk
Pinch salt
Pinch pepper
Half teaspoon Dijon mustard
Sprinkle of cheese, mozzarella or provolone
6 stalks of asparagus lightly steamed

Beat 4 eggs with 2 tbsp of milk. Add salt & pepper w Dijon mustard. Mix well together.

Sprinkle some light flavoured cheese, (mozzarella or provolone).

Layer the asparagus on top of the egg mixture in the pan and then after a minute or two fold the omelette into two to keep the asparagus* in the middle.

*The asparagus should be lightly steamed first.

Fennel and Asparagus Casserole

For something new and different try this one. It looks complicated but with patience can be done quite easily. You will impress your family and friends especially when making your own Béchamel sauce. Served as a vegetable in white sauce, fennel is the Italian equivalent of celery with a bit of a licorice taste. Great to eat by itself after any meal and great for indigestion.

1 bunch fennel or anise with tough outer rib discarded
1 bunch about 12 stalks medium thick asparagus
1 1/3 cups béchamel sauce
1/3 cup fresh breadcrumbs
1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (please buy fresh from the grocery store not the type in containers.)
1 tbsp butter

Cut fennel into one half strips. Cook in boiling, salted water 5-7 minutes or until crisp. Wash and trim asparagus. Cook briefly in boiling, salted water 3-5 minutes, or until tender-crisp and rinse under cold water. Drain well

In a large butter gratin or casserole dish, spread half the white sauce. Place fennel and asparagus alternately on top in spoke fashion. Spoon on remaining sauce. Mix together breadcrumbs and cheese and sprinkle over top. Dot with butter.

Can be prepared in advance and refrigerated, overnight, if desired.

Bake in a preheated 375* oven for 20 minutes or until bubbling. Turn broiler on briefly to brown crumbs.

Serve 4-6

***Béchamel Sauce**

1/4 cup unsalted butter
1/4 cup flour
2 cups homo or 2% milk
One small onion, studded with 2 or 3 cloves
One small bay leave
One sprig fresh or dried thyme
Salt, white pepper and nutmeg to taste

Any extra can be chilled or frozen for future use.

In medium heavy saucepan, melt butter over low heat. When butter starts to foam, add the flour all at once, mixing well with a wooden spoon. Cook over low heat 3-4 minutes, stirring constantly to incorporate and cook flour.

Tip

This will burn quickly if you don't watch. For first time cooks lift the pan a bit of the heat until it comes together

Remove pan from heat and let stand, up to 15 minutes. Cooling this roux helps eliminate any starchy taste.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, scald milk, (heating it until just below boiling point)

Return saucepan with roux to medium-low heat. Add all of the scalded milk at once) to avoid the formation of lumps. Simmer, stirring gently with a wire whisk or wooden spoon. Add studded onion, bay leaf and thyme sprig. Cook, stirring over low heat, 15-20 minutes, until smooth and thickened. Strain sauce through fine-mesh strainer. Add salt, white pepper and nutmeg to taste.

Makes 2 cups.

Canadian Herb Cookbook by Nancy Enright's 1985

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Inspirational song

Conductor Melissa Stephens leads The Haliburton Messiah Choir during a rehearsal earlier in the year at the United Church in Haliburton.
The choir will be performing this weekend at 7:30 pm on May 1 and 2:30 pm on May 2 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are $15 per person and can be purchased at Pharmasave in Minden or Kitchens Etcetera in Haliburton.

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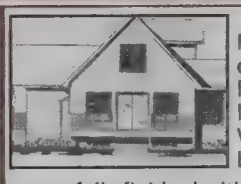

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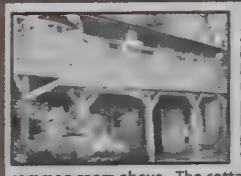

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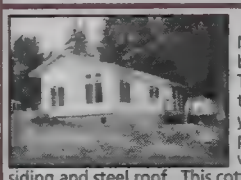

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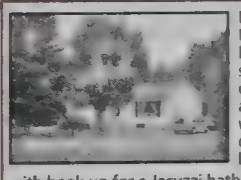

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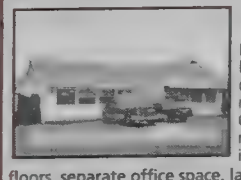

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Hockey season is just about over and in spite of the weather, it is time to think about Baseball. The Loop Minor Softball League invites all boys and girls ages 5 – 12 years to come out for registration to be held May 31 at the Wilberforce ball diamond. Jrs. ages 5-8 registration time is 6 – 7 p.m. while Srs. ages 9 – 12 registration time is 7 – 8 p.m. Cost is only $20 per child. Games (10-12 in total) are played on Monday nights and mostly in Wilberforce.

Registration night is first game night. No competitive attitude or great skills required. These are "FUN" leagues. So grab your glove and come out for registration and first game on May 31. The last game night will be also be the end-of-year barbecue night.

Youth baseball enhances many skills beside athletic baseball skills. It promotes physical and social growth while allowing your child a fun night out with his/her peers. Each Monday evening the children have a 10-minute warm up/practice, followed by instructions and rules by coaches and then an actual game.

The Loop Minor Softball League has received tremendous financial support from the Wilberforce Legion, the Wilberforce Volunteer Fire Department, Danny Mathews Auto Repair and the Lions Club.

At last year's Country Good Times the league raised more than $300 at the "Dunk Tank". Accolades to Corrine French, coach Ken Riley, coach Gary Casey and bus driver Blaine Lewis for being such great sports and setting themselves up for a "dunking". I understand that the children took great joy in "dunking" their school bus-driver.

A big thanks goes out to these great sponsors. Already for the 2004 baseball season the Lions Club has generously provided the money to purchase team pennies for all the team players. The League treasurer was so thrilled upon receiving that wonderful news from the Lions Club that she did a hearty "happy dance". Baseball equipment, insurance and other associated costs to run such leagues is expensive; therefore, community sponsorship is always welcomed and very much appreciated. You may contribute by calling treasurer Cheryl Riley at 448-2864.

If there are children ages 13-15 years of age interested in forming a team please let a member of the softball league know and if there are enough interested young people then coaches will be needed. Please do not hesitate to call, if interested, in volunteering for the rewarding role as a coach for the 13-15 year old group.

The league would like to have some exhibition games with other communities. If you have a team and would like to have play a game please contact one of the coaches or executive members.

For more information, making a donation or offering to coach, contact President Laura Casey or coach Gary Casey at 448 2080.

community news

harcourt

Valerie Smith

448-3640

Up-Coming Events for Harcourt and Surrounding Communities:

Monday Evenings - 7 p.m. Clogging,an authentic and distinctive form of folk dance, at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. An invitation is extended to energetic individuals who want to come out for some good exercise and lots of fun. All ages – males and females welcome! Cost is only a Loonie.

April 28 – 7:30 P.M. Bingo, Harcourt Community Centre

April 29 – 7:30 P.M. Euchre, Harcourt Community Centre

Saturday afternoons from 2 – 5 at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt, Karaoke For Kids. Children are welcome to come out and enjoy the fun. For further information call 448 2322.

May 1 - A BENEFIT DANCE will be held for cancer victim Rob Hannah of Wilberforce at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 7 p.m. – 1 a.m. The dance is sponsored by the Highland East Ward 4 Volunteer Fire Department in Wilberforce. Admission is by donation. There will be a cash bar and a buffet meal at 10:30. The music for this dance will be provided free of charge by a very special community band, Timber Tom and the Cross Cuts. For more information please call Dave Berton at 448 9355

May 2 – Harcourt Community Chapel – 7 p.m. Speaker Ian Boyd, a teacher at the Bancroft Senior Elementary School. He is also a Christian youth worker in Bancroft including the Switchyard Youth Centre. For more information, please call 448-CARE (2273)

May 2 – Harcourt Community Centre Hall board meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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Here's a great opportunity for local businesses to sponsor a **Special Souvenir Edition** newspaper to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of our very own Hal High for distribution throughout the area and at the reunion.

This unique issue, to be published by the award-winning Echo newspaper staff, will be devoted to the history and growth of Hal High, and a look back at some of the people who have served our community in education from the earliest days. It will also include archival photos as well as editorial contributions from several valedictorians and, of course, the reunion program.

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 president Tony Thacher presented a $1410 cheque to Canadian Cancer Society team captain Phyllis Woodcock. Half this amount was raised from the 12th annual Jack Bassett Bonspiel held in February. The legion doubled that total by matching the $705 raised from the event. Event organizer and legion F-4 zone commander Ed Pickard had the pleasure of raising the money and to be on the winning team.

Wilberforce Legion hosted last cribbage tournament

community news

wilberforce legion

Mel Smith
448-3640

The following are briefs for the Wilberforce Legion.

Reviews:

The monthly cribbage tournament results were as follows: first Dorothy Coghlan, second Bob Hayward, third Laura Ashton. This will be the last monthly cribbage tournament until further notice.

Views:

May 1 is Karoake Night from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Come out for a night of singing and fun.

May 4 is the newly elected executive night, starting at 7 p.m. I will inform you of who has what position and who was elected later, but for now Bonnie Jessup is president, Ethel Scott is 1st vice, and Don Flemming is 2nd vice.

May 7 is the Birthday Bash and Pot Luck Dinner, always a good time.

May 18: the general membership meeting starts at 8.p.m.

May 21: the WAPVA roast beef dinner is at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

May 29: we have the return of Joe Fisher. Well known as an Elvis impersonator, this one man impersonates 20 different singing entertainers. Don't miss his performance, and get there early to get a good seat.

Lest We Forget:

Dorothy Knight passed away April 23. Services will be held at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home Tuesday at 3 p.m. Viewing times are 2-4 and 7-9. Our sympathy is extended to Tom and family.

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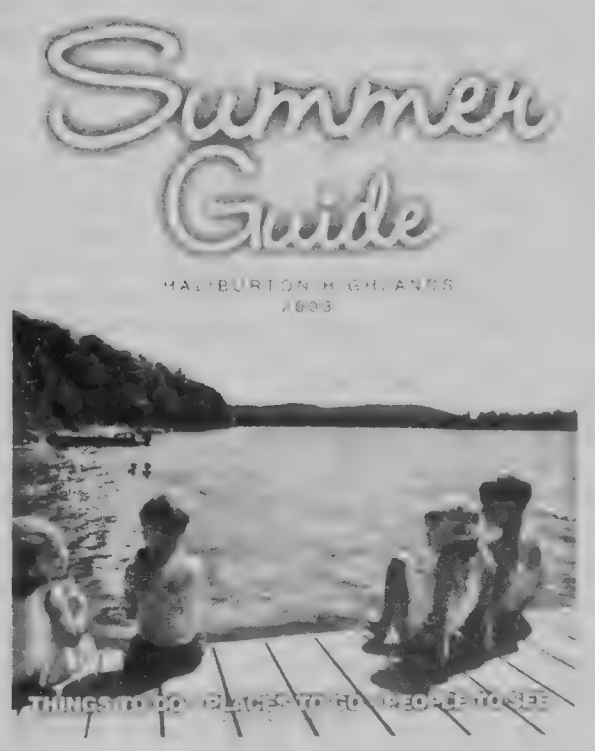

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• **Apr. 27 & May 27: "Well Aware" Community Forums,** Tues., Apr. 27, 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce; and Thurs., May 27, 7 p.m., at the Legion in Haliburton. Free admission. Refreshments. A panel of testing; and then answer any well-related questions. Hosted by Environment Haliburton. For more information, visit www.environmenthaliburton.ca.

• **Apr. 28: Join Wendy at Ontario Early Years Centre** Haliburton, Halco Plaza, Lower level. We'll be making paper Frog puppets. Call Wendy at 457-2889.

• **Apr. 28: Celebrate National Poetry Month.** Join us for a great evening Wednesday, Apr. 28, 7 p.m. Lea Harper, Katerina Fretwell, Florence Treadwell, and Betsy Strothers will present some of their latest works. Sponsored by the League of Canadian Poets. Event at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Admission by donation. Refreshments.

• **Apr. 28: Haliburton United Church women will hold a Spring Luncheon** and Bake Sale, on Wednesday, Apr. 28, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverage, only $5.

• **Apr. 30: Lakeside Baptist Church** Haliburton – 7:00 p.m. "Sojourn" - a 28 person musical group from Briar Crest Bible College. Everyone is invited to attend. A love offering will be taken and refreshments will follow.

• **May 1: The Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library** has story-time and crafts from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Call 286-2491 or 457-2241.

• **May 1: Benefit Dance** to assist the Hannah Family of Wilberforce – Rob, Crystal (Alden) and children Ryan and Jessica as Rob battles with cancer. Sat., May 1st, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Live entertainment generously provided by Timber Tom and the Crosscuts. Special Occasion Permit so everyone welcome! Cash bar, buffet at 10:30 p.m. Admission by donation to the family. Sponsored by the Highlands East Ward 4, Volunteer Foremen in Wilberforce.

• **May 2: Haliburton Highlands Auxiliary Site 2nd Fashion Show** will be held on Sunday, at 1:30 p.m. at the Wig-a-Mog Inn Resort. Fashions by Bigleys of Bobcaygeon, Wine Tasting, Delicious Desert, Prizes Galore. For ticket info call 457-3919. This event is sponsored by Wig-a-mog Inn Resort. Proceeds for Washer Disinfectors.

• **May 3: Alzheimer Society Support Groups** Haliburton. Haliburton, Mon. May 3, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Held in Haliburton at Haliburton Home Support office (Adult Child Group). Please contact Janet Bottum, in Haliburton 457-8335.

• **May 4-6: Mothers Day Crafts** all week long at Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton - Halco Plaza Lower Level. Mothers Day cards and on May 5th, Mosaic Flower Pots (material fee of $2.00). Call Wendy 457-2989 for details.

ON GOING EVENTS

• **From now to May 31, 2004 - Adult Badminton**, Mondays 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. Join us for fun, fellowship and fitness at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Phone 286-1765 for information.

• **Now until May31/04 – Heart & Stroke Walking Club** meets every school-day morning 7-8 a.m., to May 31, 2004 at the Haliburton District High School. All are welcome. Use the rear entrance.

• **Music circle every Thursday** at 11 a.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden). Songs, stories, games and crafts all about spring! Call 286-1770 for more info.

• **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.

• **Now until June – Women's Basketball** is taking place now until June at HHSS from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more info call Emma at 457-2506.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Spring ball draws 40 Scottish dancers

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

Best wishes to Betsie Kanters on her 75th birthday. The party was held in Bradford at the Specialty Care Home where her sister Rien lives. This was a great delight to the whole family, especially the 40 or so who celebrated with Betsie, Louise and Nicole and her family from Uxbridge.

A long-time, former Guilford resident is gone. Ross Pritchard had lived here and worked at Hay and Co. until his retirement when he and Muriel went to live in Bracebridge. His later years were spent near their daughter Gailya and her husband Bill Muir in Guelph.

Ross was respected as a worker and a fine employer. His love of gardening was shown in flower beds where he lived. The many nieces and nephews from the Barry connection will miss him as well as his beloved granddaughters and families.

Forty Scottish Country Dancers joined our Haliburton group of same under the direction of Mike Turner for our annual spring ball at the Centre. Colourful and fun to be in or to observe as we found our way through many a difficult but satisfying country dance.

The meal provided by our group was served by Cecilia Scott and Geraldine Harrison. Guests came from Orillia, Peterborough and Toronto to join us.

DARREN LUM/Echo

For Earth's sake Zanna Zondervan, 6, proudly shows a birdhouse. The Green Wings, an associate group of Ducks Unlimited, put up bird houses on the Wigamog Inn property on Earth Day, April 22. There are 30 members who range in ages from three-years-old to 12-year-old. The association is also involved in hosting fishing derby's, family fun days and has the goal of educating youth about nature and the environment. Bird houses were both provided by the wings group and the inn. Staff cleaned the property of debris and garbage through the day. Earth day was started for the Environment movement in the United States in 1970 on April 22.

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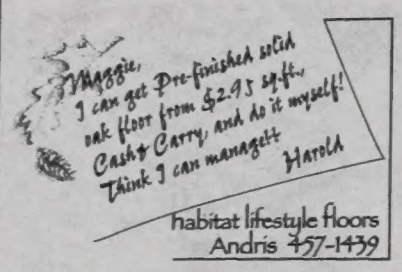

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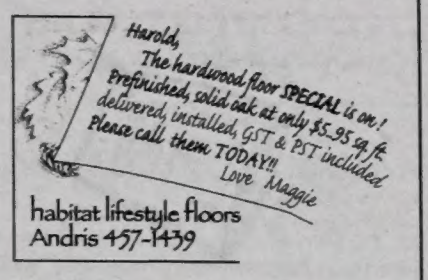

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290 COMING EVENTS

Canadian Coast Guard PLEASURECRAFT BOATING CERTIFICATION
Is being offered at the Highlands Community Learning Centre
Old Victoria Street School
May 4th at 1-5 p.m.
May 6th at 1-5 p.m.
May 11th at 1-5 p.m.
May 13th at 1-5 p.m.
$30. per person
Ask for Kathy at 457–4562.
CA

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We'd like you to share it with the community.
The Haliburton Museum is planning a family "Fantastiquities" event for Saturday, August 14, and would like to showcase traditional crafts and products. If you are a local retailer or craftsperson who would be interested in demonstrating and selling your wares. please contact the Museum at 457–2760 for an information package. Inquiries also welcome from individuals willing to volunteer to help run the event. **CA**

290 COMING EVENTS

HALIBURTON FIGURE SKATING CLUB
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, May 2, 2004
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Dysart Community Centre
Please come out and support the HFSC
CA

HIGHLANDS WIND SYMPHONY
Presents
SPRING CONCERT 2004
Featuring soprano soloist
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Haliburton, Ontario
Sunday, May 9, 2004
3:00 p.m.
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Adults $12. • Students $6.
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Saturday, May 1, 2004
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Call 457–9754.
CA

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Minden Arena
May 1 & 2
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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May 2, 2004 – from 1 - 4 p.m.
at the West Guilford Community Centre.
Drinks and snacks will be available. This will be like an afternoon social, so stop by for five minutes or the whole three hours, but please stop by. Men are encouraged to come and keep Dan company too. Bring the family. See you there.

WEST GUILFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE
Roast Beef Dinner
Sat. May 8th - 4:30 p.m. or 6 p.m.
Adults $12.
Children (12 and under) $6.
Preschoolers Free.
Proceeds towards air conditioner for the Community Centre
Reserve Tickets 754–1457
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340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

MABEE AUCTION SALE
Sat., May 8th – 10 a.m.
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Sat., May 1, 2004 – 10 a.m.
Sale to be held at the Welding Shop of **Ken Lewins** of Harcourt. From Bancroft take Hwy. 28S to Hwy. 118N and follow to Hwy. 648 (1st flashing light). Turn right and follow to Harcourt and watch for signs.
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380 BIRTHS

LOPEZ – A new little bud on our family tree arrived April 13 at 10:29 p.m.
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9 lbs. 5 ozs.
Thrilled parents are Joe and Leanne (nee McPhail). Proud grandparents are Jim and Gloria McPhail, Bart and Ruby Lopez, great grandpa Weldon McPhail, great grandma Margaret Swanson and Juliana Lopez.

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
All claims against the estate of **Hazel Margaret Inglis**, late of the Town of Haliburton, Ontario, who died on March 21, 2004, must be filed with the undersigned personal representatives on or before the 22nd day of June, 2004 thereafter the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to claims then filed. Dated: April 27, 2004. Leonard Salvatori by its solicitor, Frank Steffler, 184 Charlotte Street, P.O. Box 1510, Peterborough, Ont., K9J 7H7. **CA**

440 THANK YOU

THANK YOU – After 29 years it is so difficult to say goodbye. I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to all my loyal customers. Many of you have become, and remain special friends. I will particularly miss all the 'boys' dropping in for coffee and goodies. And to the fellas who helped me move, I really appreciate all your hard work.
Over the years so many people have delivered flowers for me and have been an important part of my business. Thanks also to my church family for their prayer support. Last but not least there are no words to express my gratitude to Hiedi Cook for almost eighteen years of faithful service, friendship and love. For all the good times and the tough times – we went through them together. Couldn't have done it without you! Nickie will miss you too. **Love Nancy and Nickie c/o Nancy's Flowers.** **CA**

The family of the late BEV McELWAIN would like to thank the staff of the Minden Hospital, special thanks to nurses Carol and Kym. The Fire Dept., Paramedics. Family, friends and neighbours for their support, kind words, flowers, donations and food delivered to the house. The ladies of the community churches for the luncheon. Matt McElwain for supplying the music, Glenda Burke and Garry Burk for their special moments during the service. A special thank you to Kirsten and Barry of Monks Funeral Home for your support, kindness and professionalism. We thank you all. **Marlene, Glenda and Gene McElwain and family.**

The family of the late THOMAS YATEMAN would like to thank our friends and family for their cards, flowers and visits. Your kindness will always be remembered. Special thank you to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their guidance and support. Helen Yateman and family.

450 IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSON, GEORGE – In loving memory of my Dad who passed away on April 23, 2003.
It has been one year
Since you left me that day
I'll never forget the call
Telling me you had passed away
Life has been hard
But in mine I see your face
It helps knowing
You're in a better place.
Now high up in the sky
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You hold a special place in my heart
I'll never forget your laugh, your smile, your farmers tan or ever the big size of your shoe
I miss you dearly and I always will
But I'm glad our last words were 'I Love You'.
Love Always, **Daddy's Little Girl.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

POCKETT, ALYSSA – In Memory of Alyssa Pocket.
In Memory of our precious darling Alyssa.
Time cannot erase the sweet memories of you.
The love and everything about you was so good and caring.
We will never forget you.
May Jesus's arms be around you
Always in our Prayer.
All our Love, **Grandpa and Grandma Pockett.**

460 OBITUARIES

BLAIR, ELMA – Suddenly at her home in Brooklin on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at the age of 79. Beloved wife of Wren Blair. Dear mother of Danny Blair and his wife Libby and Jill Krahule and her husband Peter. Loving Grammy of Ryan, Brandon, Laura and Jennifer. Sister of Doug, Gerald, Lois, Beryl and the late Jean and Bev. Daughter of the late Jack and Edna Pearce. Friends called at OSHAWA FUNERAL SERVICE "Thornton Chapel", 847 King St. West, (905) 721–1234 for visitation on Sunday, April 25th from 2-4 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Monday, April 26th at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Association would be appreciated. **CA**

HIGGINS, LANCE DEMAR – Passed away Sunday, April 11, 2004, Vermilion Health Care Complex, Vermilion, Alberta. Lance is survived by his friend, Irene Durand, of Mannville. 3 sisters: Gladys Scriver of Peterborough, Ont., Myria (Clifford) Stoughton, of Gooderham, Ont., Myrtle (Ernie) Johns of Cobourg, Ont., 1 brother: George (Bessie) Higgins of Lindsay, Ont. He was predeceased by his parents, Stanley and Cora Higgins, 4 brothers: Ebby, Clem, Victor and David and infant sister Opal. At Lance's request there will be no Funeral Service.

KNIGHT, DOROTHY A. – (Resident of Tory Hill, Ontario). At Haliburton Hospital on Friday evening, April 23, 2004 in her 79th year. Beloved wife of Thomas Knight. Loving mother of Linda (Gary White) of Richmond Hill, Carol (Bill Day) of Haliburton and Brenda Knight of Brampton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Ryan, Jonathan and Sara. Dear sister of Gladys Evans of Proton, and Mary Elford of Newmarket. Predeceased by her brother George. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 457–9209 on Monday afternoon, April 26, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday afternoon, April 27, 2004 at 3 o'clock. Interment later Rosemount Memorial Gardens, Peterborough. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

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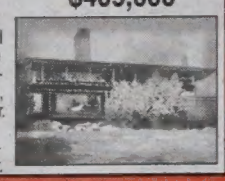
$108,000

GRASS LAKE HALIBURTON
2 Level W/F cottage/home on 5 lake chain. Beamed cath. ceiling, maple flrs., pine walls, skylights, 6 man sauna, dble sided FP, mastr. w/5 pce. ens., w/o deck.. Many Bl features, dock at water.

$409,000



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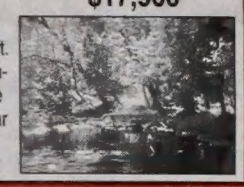
MAPLE LAKE
Custom Log Home. Beautiful 3 bdrm. 4 Season home. Huge wrap around deck overlooks beautiful Maple Lake. A must see.
$264,900
Call Lenor or Tracy

$264,900

BEAUTIFUL RIVERSIDE VACANT LOT
with more than 120 ft. of frontage this beautifully treed lot is the perfect place for your summer get-away. Call Lenor or Tracy

$17,900



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quiet forest setting, 2 mins. to public park/beach. Year round road. New metal roof, drilled well, w/o basement. Needs you to make it special!
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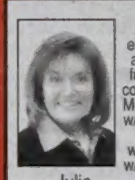


Julie Gray*

KENNISIS LAKE
Breathtaking sunset view enjoyed from all rms. of this attractive, well maintained, fuly winterized 3 bdrm. rec. cott. loaded w/spec. features. Mod. oak kit., LR w/stone FP w/insert, bay windows, cedar accents, 5 pc. mst. ens. w/jacuzzi, mn. flr. laundry, 3 w/o's to party deck, mar. railway, huge dble. det. gar. New upgrades & bld. insp. report available.

$345,000

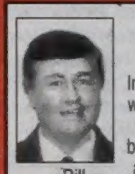
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE
Award winning timber frame home just loaded with top of the line quality finishing & features incl. timber frame guest house & 3 bay timber frame garage w/workshop. (Both w/hydro, water & heat). Beautiful wooded setting, good privacy & S. expo-

$659,900

Cathy Bain*

OUTLET BAY $19,900.00
Very private well treed lot with year round access. Public access is available a short distance away on Spruce Lake which is also connected to Outlet Bay and Drag Lake.
Call Cathy Bain.

WINDING CREEK ROAD - MINDEN -
Great building lot, level mature trees in nice neighbourhood. Adjacent parcel also for sale.
$14,900
Call Cathy Bain.



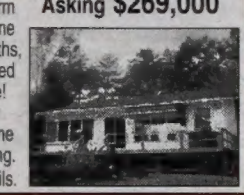
Bill Kulas*

GULL LAKE
Fabulous level lot with golden sand beach. Immaculate 3 bdrm. fully winterized cottage. Brick FP, 2 baths, lge. deck, boathouse & much more awaits your inspection. Fully furnished.
Call Bill Kulas for details.

$369,500

HALLS LAKE
This newly listed 3 bdrm waterfront cottage/home features 3 bdrms, 2 baths, brick FP. 2 car detached garage & much more! Level lot with sandy frontage & an awesome view. Vendor re-locating.
Call Bill Kulas for details.

Asking $269,000



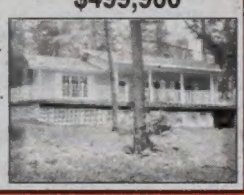
Ken Barry**

DOVER SPRING ROAD
Beautiful 3 bdrm home w/master ensuite, 2400 sq.ft. plus full basement attached & detached garage and over 30 acres.
Call Ken Barry

$231,900

BURDOCK LAKE
Privacy plus, 3 bdrm. w/2 full bath, on full fin. walkout basement & dble. detached garage. Over 1500' frontage and 13 acres.
Call Ken Barry

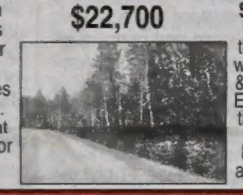
$499,900



Cathy Lancia**

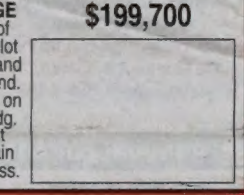
VACANT 10 ACRES
On County Rd. 7 with Wildlife and Wetlands for great hunting. Year round road, close to snowmobile trails, lakes and Haliburton Forest. Treed for privacy, great place to build a home or cottage property.

$22,700



OUTSTANDING RED-STONE LK. ACREAGE
Beaver pond at rear of this rugged Algonquin lot w/300 ft. of fabulous sand & rock frntge. at one end. Extreme priv. & s. exp. on this 19.8 acre lot. 3 bldg. sites w/gentle grade t lake. Priv. rd. from main access rd. Yr. rnd. acess.

$199,700



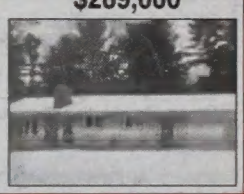
Linda Beachli***

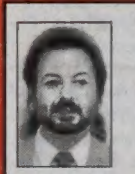
WHAT A VIEW!
New chalet style cottage/home on Tedious Lake, 160 ft. of lake front on 2.1 acres. 3 bedrooms, stone fireplace, full walkout basement. Call to view.
Call Linda Beachli

$319,900

PARADISE!!
Beautiful brick bungalow located on Paradise Lake. 3 bdrms, attached garage, many upgrades, cedar lined sunroom and possible VTB.
Call Linda Beachli

$289,000





Rick Lowes*

MAPLE LAKE COTTAGE
Charming 2 bedroom cottage with a detached garage & studio. Landscaped lot features a pond and brook plus deeded access to Maple Lake.
$129,900
Call Rick Lowes

Peter Brady**

LOTS OF LOTS
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE LOT
$139,000 with 105 ft. of frontage
Just Under 300 acres of land $149,000
5+ acre lot overlooking beautiful Eagle Lake
ONLY ONE LEFT **$39,900**
2-50 ACRE LOTS 1 @$34,900 1 @$45,000.
Call Peter Brady

Great for Growing Family
Cute as a button 4 bdrm. home w/additional sep. lot. Fin. basement w/rec rm., stone FP, wet bar, attached garage & sep. 20x27 heated garage/workshop
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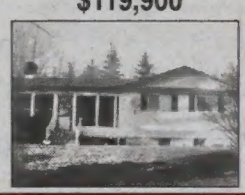
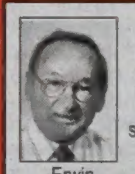
$119,900

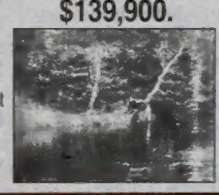




Erwin Roithmeier*

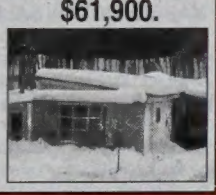
A GREAT GET-AWAY
45 acres of privacy together with 5,300 ft. of riverfront make this property the perfect spot to get away from it all. There is also a small cabin waiting for you.
Call Erwin

$139,900.



STARTER HOME
3 bedroom home, close to Minden, jacuzzi tub, nice flower gardens, close to Public access on Canning Lake.
Call Erwin

$61,900.



Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOTS
$14,900. Stouffer St. Level bldg. lot located in town of Minden w/town water & sewers
$18,500. North Shore Rd. Level Lot almost one acre w/access to Beech Lake.
$18,900. County Rd. #1, 2 acre building lot located half way between Minden & Kinmount
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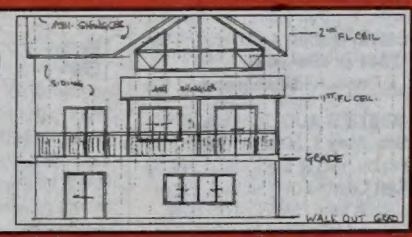
Located side by side in an area of nice homes.
$39,500. Orde Street, 5 acres, in town w/access to the Gull River across the road.
Level and fenced with access of both Orde St. and Deep Bay Road.

Tom** & Gail* Tempest*

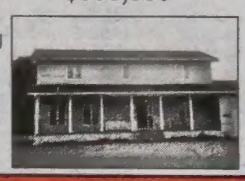
NEWLY CONSTRUCTED COTTAGE / HOME
On Salerno Lake. 4 bdrms, 3 baths, combined kitchen, dining & great room. Lots of pine. Large deck, family room on 2nd floor and partially finished basement are only a few of the many features. Also includes 2 car garage.
$439,000
Call Tom & Gail Tempest



Fred Chapple*

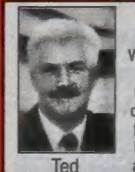
MAPLE LAKE
New 2002 Royal Home, 4 bedroom - 3 bath. Separated dining area. Great view of Maple Lake. Full basement, 2 car garage. All on 14+ Acres..
Call Fred Chapple

$395,000



MINDEN HOME
3 bedroom custom built, level lot, fireplace, jacuzzi & bath. Extensive decking and extra lot in town. Water & sewer. 90% maintenance free. Don't miss it!
Call Fred Chapple

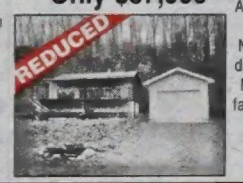
$209,500



Ted Vasey*

MISKWABI LAKE ACCESS
Well maintained 3 bdrm home/cottage, w/o kitchen to sunporch & deck, cozy LR with airtight stove, unfinished bsmt, garage, deeded access to Lake across road. Immaculate.
Call Ted Vasey

Only $87,900



MINDEN - ORDE ST.
Absolutely charming home across rd. from river. Newly fin. oak kit., w/o to deck, w/o LR, 3+2 bdrms, MBR ensuite, freshly fin. fam. rm. w/oak bar & prop. FP, FAO heating, 1.54 acres. A must see.
Call Ted Vasey

$185,000

Vince Duchene**

BIG KENNISIS LAKE
Cottage with 120' front. Level to gently sloping, excellent swimming, outstanding view & more. Call for all the details.
$259,900
Call Vince Duchene

Melanie Vigrass*

MINDEN
Large 4 BR /2 bath family home in town within walking distance of amenities. Features include: hardwood & ceramic floors, living room fireplace with insert, hot tub room and an above ground pool, all with a fantastic sunset view. Call Melanie Vigrass

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12 MILE LAKE
Fantastic level lot with western exp. 370' frontage, easy access & 2 brdm/ 2 bath home featuring several walk-outs, oak kitchen, fireplace with airtight insert, jacuzzi tub & 2 car detached garage. Call Melanie Vigrass

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